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At a General Meeting of the SURTEES SOCIETY, held in the Castle at Durham, on the 24th of June, 1859, it was

RESOLVED,—"That a volume of Durham and Northumberland Wills should be prepared for the Society by the Rev. William Greenwell, M.A."

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PREFACE.

The present volume is a continuation of the series of Wills and Inventories, selected from the Registry at Durham, which was commenced in 1835, and which formed the second volume issued by this Society. Perhaps no volume, among the many valuable records which have been given to the press by the Surtees Society, has possessed more popularity and general interest than "Wills and Inventories," and the Council, therefore, have determined to bring the series down to the close of the sixteenth century. This has been done in the present volume, which commences, where the former left off, during the year 1580, and ends with the year 1599. A few wills of an earlier date have been added, which had been overlooked in the first volume, but which seemed to the Editor of too much value to be left out of the Series. The Wills, with the exception of a few from York, are all contained in the Registry at Durham.

The period, which is comprised within the years above mentioned, is one of peculiar interest. Under the liberal regulations of the Tudor princes, the trade of England was being largely developed, and the foundation of that gigantic commercial empire, which is the glory and boast of our country, was then being securely laid. A great trading town was contained within the diocese of Durham, and the

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volume will be found peculiarly rich in the wills and inventories of the great traders and merchants of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The wills contain also many illustrations of the wretched and unsettled state of the north of England, incidental to a border country; a state, soon after this period, happily brought to an end by the union of the two kingdoms under James I. This state of continual petty warfare was, no doubt, in a great measure, the cause of that poverty and low condition of the gentry of Northumberland, the evidence of which cannot fail to strike the reader of the Inventories of many of the old Northumbrian houses, which are given in this volume. With the exception of the greatest families, such as Grey and Widdrington, the gentry on the border were, in respect of comforts and refinement, at the lowest ebb, even at a time when, in those essentials of civilization, England itself was far behind many of the continental nations.

The Wills and Inventories which are here printed form a very small portion of those documents which still exist in the registry. Great care has been taken in the selection, and the Editor trusts that he has chosen those which best illustrate the habits and condition of the different persons whose wills were registered. Whilst the gentry and tradesmen occupy the foreground of the picture, the distance is filled in by the clergy, farmers and other humbler classes, and the condition of every phase of the society of those times will be found illustrated by one or more representatives.

In general the inventories have been printed entire, and at first sight it might seem that there is a good deal of repetition of articles of domestic use and furniture. This course, on the whole, seemed the best to be adopted, for in no other way could a just idea of the habits and mode of living of the person, whose inventory is printed, be given.

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Without a full and complete account of the contents of the house, no just view of the state of the occupant could be obtained; and as this seems one of the most valuable kinds of knowledge we obtain from such documents, the Editor hopes the reader will not think the time wasted, when he finds bedsteads, chairs, pots, pans, and kettles recurring very frequently. Where the inventory, as a whole, threw no additional light on the social state of the testator, the Editor has only given the most interesting extracts; and the same course has been adopted, to a considerable extent, in the long list of shop goods, which constitute a large portion of the inventories of some of the merchants. The notes, which are in many cases lengthy, consist generally of illustrative and contemporary matter, and anything which is not original or explanatory has, as far as was possible, been omitted. The Editor has, in all cases where he could obtain the requisite information, given the parentage and connexions of each testator.

The Wills are arranged according to the date of probate, when the Act Books contained that date; and when, from the damaged state of many of them, it was impossible to find it, the will has taken its place according to the date of the accompanying inventory, if such existed, or, if not, according to the date of the making of the will. The Editor has to apologize to the members for an extensive dislocation in the Series, which occurred by one of those accidents which it is sometimes impossible, with every care, to guard against. The wills, No. CXXVIII.—CXLVI., ought to have followed No. LXXVI., p. 161. In consequence of this error, several of the wills of 1587 and 1588 are printed among the wills of the succeeding decade.

In the first volume the Wills were printed as they are found written in the original, with the contractions, the

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irregular use of capital letters, and the uncertain spelling incidental to the writing of that period. This has been altered in the present volume, so far as the contractions and capital letter are concerned; the spelling of the documents, however, has been given as it is in the MSS.

A full and complete index of the names and places in both volumes will be found at the end.

Some explanation should be given of the cause which has delayed the appearance of the volume. When the Editor was about [illegible]
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and Deput[illegible] [illegible], he is most deeply indebted, not only for every facility and aid given him in his researches, but for much courtesy and kind attention shewn him during the period of transcription. To Mr. Henry Peile, principal clerk of the Court of Probate, he is also much indebted. The Rev. James Raine, secretary to the Surtees Society, has given the Editor transcripts of several wills from the registries at Durham and York, and he begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of many valuable suggestions from him, which have proved of great service during the course of the work.

WILLIAM GREENWELL.

DURHAM, *June* 18*th*, 1861.

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DURHAM WILLS

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VOLUME II.

I. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI COMITIS DE WESTMERLAND.

Aug. 18, 1563. I Henrye Erle of Westmerlande,* one of the moste noble order of the Gartyr, knyght, do accordinge to the libertie of one act of Parliamente, maide and ordayned at Westmynster, in the thyrtye yeare of the raygne of our late soveraigne lorde, of famous memorye, Kynge Henrye th' Eight, ordayne and makes thys my last will and testamente. I bequeathe and commende my soule unto Allmyghtie God, and my bodie to be buried in the parysh churche of Stayndropp, under

* Henry Neville, fifth Earl of Westmerland, the head of one of the noblest houses in the north of England. He was one of the eighteen children of Ralph Neville, the fourth Earl, by Catharine daughter of Edward Stafford, Duke of Buckingham. He took little part in public affairs. We find him making complaints against the conduct of Bishop Tunstall in his diocese, and for some years he was Lord Warden of the Western Marches, and some of his letters in that capacity are printed in Lodge. He had, however, but little of the spirit of his ancestors of the preceding century. The glories of the house of Neville were already on the wane.

The Earl was thrice married, and had eight children. His first consort was Anne daughter of the Earl of Rutland. His second, Jane daughter of Sir Roger Cholmeley, knight, by Catharine daughter of Sir Robert Constable, was interred at Staindrop, under the tomb which covers the remains of her husband. His third wife, own sister to his second, was Margaret widow of Sir Henry Gascoigne, of Sedbury, co. York, knight, and daughter of Sir Roger Cholmeley. She was buried at St. Dunstan's in the West, April 2, 1570. By her he had two daughters. It is a difficult matter to say who was the mother of the other six children. The pedigree of Neville, drawn up by Mr. Surtees, must be looked upon with a good deal of reserve and caution.

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the tombe that last was maide,* nighe unto my late wyfe Ladye Jane, yf I die in Englande, and my funeralls to be honorablye celebrated and done accordinge to the discretion of myne executors. I will and devyse two parts of all my manors, &c., unto Syr Richerde Cholmeley, knight,† and Robert Bowes, esquire,‡ on trust, *i.e.*, the manor of Bywell in Northumberlande, with my landes, &c., at Cockfeilde, Keverston, Ingleton, Bollome, Forres of Langhton, Somerhouse and Haughton, wythin the Lordshipp of Raybye, to pay therefrom to ether of my two daughters Marye§ and Adelane‖ one thousande markes, and one hundrethe pounds yearly unto Lady Margaret now my wyffe, and doughter of Sir Roger Cholmeley, knight, decessed, and late wyffe of Sir Henry Gascoigne,¶ knight, also decessed, and synce that tyme maryed unto me the sayd Erle, and to my two doughters, Margaret and Elisabethe,** begotten by me of her, ether of them one thousande markes, provided that my two doughters do not marrye themselffes to any man, duringe the lyfe of ther mother, wytheout her consent, and my sonne and hayre apparant Charles Nevyll,†† after he hath accomplished the

* This tomb is still remaining at Staindrop, and is a most interesting specimen of wood carving. It has been, most improperly, removed from its old position in the chancel. An inscription on the monument informs us that it was made in 1560 by the present testator for himself and his *three* wives. Two only of those ladies have their effigies on the tomb. Mr. Surtees describes the monument, with the inscription and the arms that it once bore.

† Brother-in-law to the Earl, and a person of very great consequence and distinction, indeed, there was no one without a title that occupied a higher position in the north of England. His first wife was a daughter of William Lord Conyers of Hornby, his second, a daughter of the Earl of Cumberland. He left behind him a numerous family.

‡ A younger brother of the celebrated Sir George Bowes, and himself a person of no small repute. He was for many years treasurer of Berwick, and ambassador to Scotland. A portion of his official correspondence, relating to Scottish affairs, has been printed by this Society.

§ Mary Neville, according to Surtees, died unmarried before 1579.

‖ Adeline Neville survived for a long time the ruin of her family. She makes her will on the 22nd of March, 1612-13, being at that time a resident in the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, "to be interred in the parish church or chancell of Stanthorpe, co. Durham. To Raphe Doughfoote, Wm. Doughfoote, Raphe Wilsonn, Chr. Batmison, and Wm. Conyers 40s. each. To Lawr. Kirke 5*l.* To Elizabeth Tasbrough, my waiting gentlewoman, 4*l.* All my mannors, &c., to my honorable kinseman Sir George Manners of Fulbecke, co. Lincolne, knight, and he to pay my debts, &c., and to be sole executor. Sir Henrie Bellies of Newbrough, co. York, knight, supervisor, and I give him a ring of gould of 20s., in remembrance of my love to him." [Pr. at London, Oct. 7, 1613. In the registry at York.]

¶ Sir Henry Gascoigne of Sedbury, near Richmond, knight, æt. 28, 1545. He died Oct. 28, 1558, leaving several children.

** Of these two daughters there is nothing further known.

†† Sixth and last Earl of Westmerland. He ruined his ancient house by the part which he took in the Rising in the North. His end was a pitiable one, and

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full aige of twenty-one yeares, to enter unto the said manner and landes, if he will bynde himselfe wythe sufficient suerties to pay the foresaid legacies. Also I wyll to my sayd feoffees my landes, &c., at Shotton, Woodlande, Stryckley Parke, Wakerfeilde, Langton, Ulnebie, Hylton, Manfield, Medomsley, Woodyfeild, Pathrawe, Nettlebedde, Sunderlande, Gaitesyde, Cletlam and Stillington, in the lordshipp of Raybye, for xxi yeares, together with landes, &c., in Newcastell-upon-Tyne,* to the yearlye value of 30*l.*, on trust to pay out of the same, to my sayd fower doughters, the sum of fower score poundes yearlye, tyll they be maryed, and to pay all my debts, legacies and funerals, and yf the sayd charges be payd before the foresaid terme be expyred, then I will that my sayd sonne Charles shall enter into the same, and I gyve him my hooll interest and leas in the Collaige of Stayndropp. To my sayd wyffe I give my hole interest in Blandsbye Parke in Yorkshire, and in the parsonaige or tythe of Kyrkeby Mysperton, and in the parsonaige or tythe of Sehame, and all my goods at Kyrkeby Moreshead, Keldehome, Rockbarghe and Blandsbye Parke. To the said Ladye Margaret, now my wyffe, all the plaite belonging to the foresaid Syr Henrye Gascoigne, knight, or my sayd wyffe, at or before the day of our maraige, and the rest of all my playte to be equallye devyded betwixte her and my sonne Charles. To my sayd wyffe all my householde stuffe at Kyrkeby Moreshead and Keldhome. To Thomas Gascoigne, yongest sonne of the said Syr Henry Gascoigne, my fermeholde called Carleburye, after the expiracion of a lease granted by me to John Kyllinghall,† for his lyffe, payinge the accustomed rent. To my basterd doughter Margaret Watson, otherwyse called Margaret

a long account of his sufferings and wanderings will be found in Sir Cuthbert Sharp's work on the Rebellion of 1569. He is said to have died in exile at Newport in 1601.

Wadsworth, in his *English Spanish Pilgrim*, printed in 1630, speaking of the English refugees in Flanders, says, "There is one Nevill, who stiles himself Earl of Westmerland, but his earledome many times will scarce furnish him with a dinner, and were it not for his second wife, (this Nevil's first wife is yet living in London,) who playeth the shee physitian in the Archdutches court, he might be put oft times to narrower shifts, notwithstanding his 100 crownes pension a month."

Who can this be? Perhaps one of the Latimer Nevilles, as they are called. Could the sixth Earl have married a second wife, and left a family behind him in Flanders?

* The site of the old hostel of the Nevilles, at Newcastle, is now occupied by the Medical College, which has been called Neville Hall.

† Of Middleton St. George, esq. Carlbury, the lease of which the Earl left to his stepson Thomas Gascoigne, lies on the Durham side of the Tees, close to the village of Piersbridge.

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Nevyll,* my two farmeholdes called Newesham and Westholme, after the expiracion of the leases granted by me to John Cholmeley and John Dowthaite decessed, for fourtye-one yeares. To my servannte William Lee† the offyce of the generall receyvorshipp of all my landes in the counties of Duresme and Northumberland, durynge the mynorytie of my sonne Charles, wythe a yearlye fee of 40s. durynge his lyffe. To my servannte Francis Burton the offyce of the generall receyvorshipp of all my lands in the countye of Yorke, wythe the yearly fee of 40s. durynge his lyffe. To my servannte Robert Cholmeley, gent., a yearlye fee of 20*l.* durynge his lyffe, and to my servante Nicholas Fetherstonhaughe the offyce of the kepershipp of my west parke of Brauncpith, with the yearlye fee, to have the same unto the deathe of Lyonell Fetherstonhaughe, hys father,‡ and that he to enter into the one halfe of Standley, whereof I have made hym a lease, and after the deathe of the sayd Lyonell, I gyve the sayd offyce, wythe the said fee, unto my servante George Bisham for his lyffe. To my chaplayne Sir Nicholas Forster, parson of Brancepith, 20*l.* I wyll that all my servannts having offices of me, and no leases or pattantes, do enjoy the same as well as if they had theréof leases and patentes. All my other goodes I gyve to my sayd sonne Charles Nevyll, and I make my executors my sonne Charles Nevill, Sir Richard Cholmeley, knyght, Robert Bowes and Jerrarde Salven,§ esquires, and for ther paynes and travell I do gyve unto them, over and besides their costs and charges, every one of them xl markes.

Memorandum, thys present testament was redde, publyshed and declared before the within named right honorable Erle to be his true and last will, and all other former wylls by hym

* Was it the tradition of the love adventures of the testator that suggested to the late Mr. Surtees one of his most striking ballads?

As I down Raby Park did pass,
I heard a fair maid weep and wail;
The chiefest of her song it was—
"Farewell the sweets of Langley-dale."

† Retainers of the Earl. Cholmeley was one of his wife's kinsmen. Douthwaite lived at Westholme in the parish of Winston, where the old manor house still remains. There is a pedigree of his family in Surtees. Lee lived at East Brandon in the parish of Brancepeth, and the inventory of his effects will be given in the present volume.

‡ The Featherstonhalghs of Brancepeth, a branch of the house of Stanhope, were for a long time connected with the Nevilles and their estates. It was through their means, aided by the Perkinsons, that Earl Charles made his escape into the Low Countries.

§ The head of the very ancient house of Salvin of Croxdale. His will and inventory, dated in 1570, have been printed in the first volume of the Durham Wills, p. 345.

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maide to be voyde, frustrate and nichillate, by hym confessed in the presence of Robert Dalton,* bacheler in dyvynitie, Jerred Salven th'elder, esquire, Christofer Chayter, George Fennye, George Cowper, Thomas Gybson.

Also I wyll and ordayne, that at what place soever yt shall please God to call me to Hys mercy, that my householde beynge ther, the same house and my servantes shalbe kept together, and the house kepte in suche order as hathe bene in tymes past, accordinge to my honor, by the space of thre monthes after my decesse. H. WESTMERLAND.

And whear I have gyven to my servant Robert Cholmeley ane annuytie of 20*l.* duryng his lyffe, I charge it upon my landes, &c., in the countye of Durham and Northumberland. To Margaret Gascoigne,† doughter of Syr Henrye Gascoigne, late of Sadburye, decessed, my intereste in the deanrye and tythe of Darlington. To Ladye Margaret, now my wiffe, one geldinge, called Gray Wycliffe. To my brother-in-lawe Syr Richard Cholemeley knight, one bay geldinge, which I bought of my servannte Rauffe Newbye. To Roger Dalton‡ one blacke geldinge, whiche Thomas Watson bought at Malton. To my servannte William Constable§ my greate gresselde geldinge, whiche I had of Hebburn. To all my householde servantes, gyving daylye attendans, every one of them one halfe yeares waiges, over and besydes ther ordynarye waiges. I wyll that myne executors paye unto Syr Robert Brandlinge|| of Newcastell upon Tyne, knight, c marks which I do owe hym, and also 80*l.* to my sayd brother-in-law Sir Richard Cholmeley, whiche I do owe to hym, and also to Thomas Nicholas, marchante talier of London, 18*l.* whiche I am indebted to hym. Item wher before thys tyme I did gyve by dede unto my doughter Elenor¶ my

* Son of John Dalton of West Auckland, and prebendary of the seventh stall at Durham in 1541. Deprived in 1560. Died 10 July, 12 Eliz.

† This lady died at the Whitefriars, in London, in 1567. The scanty inventory of her effects has been printed in Durham Wills, p. 273.

‡ Member of a family in the East Riding of Yorkshire. He lived at Kirkby Misperton, and died in 1587.

§ The Constables of Flambro' were connected with the Earl through the Cholmeleys. Of the base way in which Sir Robert Constable made use of his relationship, to deceive and entrap the wife of the last unfortunate Earl, an account will be found in Sharp's *Memorials of the Rebellion.*

|| Sir Robert Brandling, Mayor and Sheriff of Newcastle, was knighted on the field of Musselbrough by the Duke of Somerset. He died in 1568, and the present family of Brandling descends from his brother. Sir Robert is mentioned in several of the publications of this Society.

¶ This lady became the wife of Sir William Pelham of Newstead and Brockleby, co. Lincoln, knight.

Of the Earl's daughter Catherine, who married Sir John Constable of Halsham and Kirkby Knowle, the testator, strange to say, makes no mention. Her will

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manor of Bolbecke in Northumberland, till she were paid 1000*l.*, now I will that yf she be of the said manor lawfullye evicted, then my executors shall pay to her 1000*l.*, to be taken out of all my landes and tenementes. H. WESTMERLAND.

And where I have gyven unto my now wyffe my interest in Blandesbye Park, nowe knowe you that I wyll the said gyfte to be voyde, and gyve it to my sonne Charles Nevyll. H. WESTMERLAND. [From the Registry at York. Pr. Sep. 22, 1564.]

II. TESTAMENTUM MARIÆ COMITISSÆ NORTHUMBRIÆ.

Apr. 16, 1572. Marie Countes Dowager of Northumberlande,* beynge weake in bodie, but of perfecte and good remembrance, the Lorde be therefore moste humblie praysed. I do gyve

however, is registered at York, and I give a few extracts from it which are most interesting and valuable.

Aug. 4, 1590. Ladie Katherine Constable, widdowe, laite wief of Sir John Cunstable of Kirkebie Knowell, knighte. If I die on this side Trente to be buried in the churche of Shortdiche, neare the citie of London, nere my ancestors, thit is to witte, Ladie Katherine, laite Countesse of Westmerlande, my grandmother and godmother. My executors to cause 40*l.* to be bestowed uppon a tombe, wherein I will that ther shalbe a memorie maide of myself and my two grandmothers, viz., of the said Countesse, who died, as I remember, in Maye anno iij Mariæ, and of Elenor Countesse of Rutlande, who died, as I likewiese remember, in anno iij Edward VI., and of Margaret Countesse of Ruttland, my aunte, all which three ladies lye buried in that church. If I die in the northe partes beyond Trent, to be buried in the churche of Halsham, neare my late husband. My sister Ladie Adaline, and neces Margaret and Anne Nevill. To my sonne-in-lawe Sir Henry Cunstable, knighte, one paire of liverey pottes with my armes on them. To William Hilliard of Yorke, esq., my cupp of mother of pearle. To my nece the Ladie Katherine Graie my plaite of osterigge eggshells. To my nece Margaret Nevill a spice box of silver, a perfuminge pann, &c. To the Ladie Margaret, wieff unto Sir Henry Cunstable, one crosse of gold sett with diamond. To the Ladie Ogle my purslane cup sett with stones, which will holde noe poison. To my Lorde Ogle my cowtche of clothe of gold. To my cosine Jane Tallbott one new white testor sett with roses. To Elline Bromley a cheine of pearle, gold and stones. To Elizabeth Bromley, her sister, a border of gold with pearle. [Pr. July 28, 1591.]

* This illustrious lady was a daughter of George Earl of Shrewsbury by Anne daughter of William Lord Hastings, the famous chamberlain of Edward IV.

Born of noble parents, she was wedded to a noble consort, Henry Algernon Percy, Earl of Northumberland. It was he that was the wooer of the celebrated Anne Boleyn, and it was with no little reluctance that he gave way to the royal suitor. He found a wife among the daughters of a more ancient and a more noble house, but she bore him no child.

He died at Hackney, June 29, 1537, and was interred in the choir of the parish church. His widow survived him for a very long time. The days of her widowhood were probably spent in Yorkshire. She witnessed the restoration of her husband's family to their ancient honours, and she witnessed their decay. She died, however, a few months before the victim of the Rising in the North ended his life upon the scaffold in York.

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and comende my sowle into the handes and custodie of my Savioure and Redemer Jesu Christe, by whose merites I verily do truste to be maide and accepted an inheritor of salvacion, and my bodie to be buried in Christianes buriall. I will that upon the day of my buriall ther be destributed and gyven unto poore people 20*l.*, and more if nede shalbe. To my lovinge sister, the Countes of Pembroke,* a silver cupp gilte, with a cover that haythe a knopp upon. To Margerie Gravener,† my servante, in consideracion of her longe and faythefull service done unto me, one hundrethe markes. To Anne Bulkeley my servante, and Marie Everede my servante, in consideracion of their good servis, 20*l.* each. To Anne Day, and Katherine Parkyn, my servantes, 40s. each. To Alice Day my servante, 20s. To everie of my servantes, hearafter named, in consideracion of ther good and faythefull services done unto me, over and besides ther waiges, to George Sandforde v markes, Edward Cape iiij markes, Richarde Bolton 40s., William Kinge 40s., John Pavye v markes, William Bowman 40s., William Croslande 40s., Thomas Hyggenson 26s. 8d., Thomas Walker 40s., John Turner 26s. 8d., Anthony Capstake 40s., John Turner 26s. 8d., Thomas Cooke 20s., Robert Bedall 20s., Robert Trippet 13s. 4d., William Johnson 10s., John Pursglowe 20s., Richarde Hansen 6s. 8d., Thomas Southe 6s. 8d. To everie of my women servantes aforsaid a blacke gowne of clothe, and everie of my other servantes aforsaid a blacke cote clothe, and to George Sandforde and Thomas Becket a black gowne of clothe, and to everie of my retaners a blacke cote clothe, that they and everie of them may attende on my corpes to the earthe the day of my buriall. To my lovinge nephew, the Lorde Talbotte,‡ one silver goblet with a cover, whom I condicionallie make the executor of this my will, so that he enter into bonde to my forsaid syster in 600*l.*, to truly performe this my will, and yf he do refuse to do, then I make my sayd lovinge syster, the Countesse of Pembroke, my sole executrix. [From the Registry at York. Pr. June 6, 1572, adm. granted to Anne Countess of Pembroke, Sir Francis Talbot, knight, renouncing.]

* Anne Talbot, a sister of the testatrix, took for her second husband William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke.

† The Countess leaves special legacies to the ladies and gentlemen in her suite. It is not probable that she had very much to give away. A certain rent charge upon the estates of the family would be what she would have to depend upon, and even that would be imperilled when the head of her house had been attainted.

‡ The eldest son of George Earl of Shrewsbury and the great nephew of the Countess. He married a daughter of the Earl of Pembroke, and died issueless, in 1582, in his father's lifetime. He declined, it will be seen, to administer to his aunt's effects.

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III. TESTAMENTUM REVERENDI PATRIS DOMINI JACOBI PYLKINGTON EPISCOPI DUNELMENSIS.

Jesus. Februarii quarto, 1571. In the name of God, Amen. I James Pilkington,* Busshoppe of Durhame, hole in body and mynde, I prayse my God, thoughe oft sicklye, make this my last will and testament, in manner and forme followinge. My soule I committe to my Lord God, trustinge to obtaine marcye at his handes, for all my synnes thoughe they be never so many and uglye, throughe the onely bloudshedde of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. My bodye I commit to be buyried at the discrecion of my frendes, so that yt be with as fewe Popishe ceremonies as may be, or vaine cost. My goodes I give to Alice Kyngsmell, my wyfe, and the children that I have or shall have by her, equally to be devyded amonge her and theim all, excepte any be prefarred or provided fore in my lyf tyme, and than I will that some parte shalbe devyded amonge the rest. Item I will that Alice Kingsmell, my wyf, shall consider my frendes and cosignes, accordinge to such talke as I have declared unto her, and have left the cheefe notes of such thinges in writinge of myne owne hande, and that to be if my goodes will stretche soe farre, and they deserve not the contrarie by ungentle dealinge with her and my children. Item I will that she shall lykewyse consider the poore in everye towne where I have anye mansion howse, with such corne, haye, woode and cole as shalbe lefte, and my servanntes to be rewarded accordinge to such my notes, if they deale not ungently with her, and to the porest everye wheare further as her habilytie will serve. Item I will that my bookes at Awklande shalbe given to my schole in Rivington, and to pore colledges in Cambridge, and others, by my brother Leonarde,† accordinge to the same notes. Item I make Alice Kingsmell, now my knowne wif,‡ and Debora and Ruthe§ my

* The first Protestant Bishop of Durham, elected to the see Dec. 26, 1560. During the Marian persecution he had been an exile at Geneva, and he returned from thence, on the accession of Elizabeth, strongly imbued with Calvinistic opinions, and a dislike of ceremonial worship. He was descended from an ancient Lancashire family, being the third son of Richard Pilkington, of Rivington, in that county, gentleman, and his wife Alice Asshawe. He married Alice daughter of Sir John Kingsmill, knight, of Sidmanton, co. Hants, by his wife Constance, daughter of John Goring of Burton, co. Sussex, esq. He was the author of some theological works, which have been published by the Parker Society.

† Leonard Pilkington, D.D., Rector of Whitburn, and Prebendary of Durham Cathedral. His will is printed in the Ecclesiastical Proceedings of Bishop Barnes, p. cxxxiv.

‡ He here alludes to the fact that his marriage was for some time kept secret, probably out of deference to the strongly expressed dislike of Queen Elizabeth to married bishops.

§ She married a Berkshire gentleman called Duntze.

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daughters by her, with such other children as I shall have by her, my full and lawfull executors, and have ther porcons as legacies. And if my wyfe channce to dye afore my wyll be proved, I will that the Ladye Constance Kyngsmell or George Kingsmell* her sonne, whether soever ys more willinge, shalbe my executor in her place, and to have the bringinge upp of my children. Item I require the reverend father in God Edmunde† Archbusshoppe of Yorke and Thomas Layton, with my brother Leonard, to be supervisours of all my goodes by north Trente, and to se my will performed. And of all my other goodes by sowthe I require my good Lord th'earle of Bedforde and Richard Kingsmell‡ to se the lyke executed, to whome I wold my wyfe shold give some honest token of my good will towardes them. Also I will that she accordinge to her habilitie shall give to Sir William Kyngsmell,§ and other her brethren and sister, some token of remembrance for me, if I give them not some such thinge in my lyfe. In wittnes whereof I have setto my seale and subscribed my hande and name the daye and yeare abovesayde.

JA. PILKINGTON.

Codicillus ejusdem reverendi patris. Vicesimo primo die Januarii 1575. Whearas hearetofore I have made certaine devises and conveighannces for the prefarment of my wyfe and children, and that nowe I trust I have well provyded for my doughter Debora,‖ if the same accorded marriage doe take effecte, as I trust yt will, accordinge to the godly and true meaninge of Sir Thomas Gargrave¶ and Cotton Gargrave his sonne, yet nevertheless whereas the said Sir Thomas Gargrave and Cotton Gargrave have covenannted with me, that if the mariadge betwixte Thomas Gargrave the sonne of Cotton Gargrave doe not take effecte, but that the said Thomas doe refuse to taike my sayde doughter Debora to his wyfe, that then the said Sir

* His brother-in-law, afterwards Sir George Kingsmill, knight, one of the justices of the Common Pleas.

† Edwin Sandys, an old friend and fellow-exile of the Bishop during the Marian persecution.

‡ His brother-in-law, afterwards Sir Richard Kingsmill, knight, surveyor of the Court of Wards.

§ Eldest son of his father-in-law, Sir John Kingsmill.

‖ The marriage, here referred to, with Thomas Gargrave, did not take place; the lady married Sir James Harrington, knight.

¶ Of Nostel Priory, co. York, which he purchased. He was Speaker of the House of Commons. His grandson, to whom Debora Pilkington was betrothed, became a person of unenviable notoriety. The marriage never took place, and the lady had a fortunate escape. For the romantic history of this family, remarkable for crime and misfortune, I refer the reader to Hunter's *South Yorkshire*.

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Thomas and Cotton his sonne should repaye to me seaven hundreath poundes, at a certaine tyme lymitted in the indentures of covenanntes of mariadge, and one hundreath powndes to the prefarment of the mariage of the sayd Debora. Nowe my will and mynde is, that if I shall channce to dye before the sayde tyme lymitted for the refusall of the sayde Thomas Gargrave the sonne of Cotton Gargrave, if he the saide Thomas Gargrave doe refuse to take my sayde doughter in mariage, that my sayde doughter shall have all the saide some of eyght hundreathe powndes payde to her owne use, and by these presentes I make her the saide Debora my sole executrix for the same, and to have and sewe solye for the saide some of eighte hundreathe poundes, and for the penaltye of the obligacion wherein the sayd Sir Thomas Gargrave and Cotton Gargrave doe stande bounde to me, with condicions endorsed, for the performance of the covenanntes conteyned in the sayd indenture of mariadge, made betwixte myselfe on th'one partye and the sayde Sir Thomas Gargrave and Cotton Gargrave on th'other partye. And my will is, further, that she shall have noe other porcion of my goodes but as heareafter shalbe by me bequeathed, neyther yett be executor of any other parte of my goodes or debtes, but I make my sayde wyfe and my doughter Ruthe the executors of all the residewe of my goodes, excepte the sayde some which the said Sir Thomas Gargrave and Cotton Gargrave have covenannted to paye. [Pr. Dec. 18, 1576.]

Codicillus dicti reverendi patris non probatus. Item I give my successor, Busshoppe of Durham, all the hangings at Acklande, (except the dyninge chamber, the parler and my beddchamber) together with all fourmes, bourdes, cubbordes, chaires, the velvet one excepted. And I give also to him all stooles, leades, fornaces, brewinge vessels and bedsteades not coarded, and all suche lyke. Also I give him the lyke stuffe in my howses at Durhame, Darneton, Howden and Stockden, and all this I do in condicion he demaunde noe delapidacions for any howse. And yf he will have coarded beddes, I woulde he hadd a penny-woorthe in them. But if any of these howses be taken or given from him, I will that the stuffe in yt remaine to my executors. And these I give him the rather to helpe him the soner to kepe hospytalitye, then for any recompence, seinge I have bestowed so much in repayringe them. Yf this please him not, all theis shall remaine to my executors, and he shall have that lawe will alowe him. Item I give to my brethren, George, Leonarde and John,* evarie

* John Pilkington, B.D., Archdeacon of Durham, and Prebendary of the Cathedral Church.

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one, a silver pott, parcell gilte, and so to Thomas Shawe my nephewe, suche as my wyfe shall thinke meete for an hairelome. But if any of my brethen, or anye other by theire procurement, troble her and her children, then he or they that soe doe and their children shall have nothinge. Item I will that sheepe that shalbe lefte, after the funerall past, shalbe distributed amonge suche doughters unmaried of my brethren and sister as there most neede shall than require. Item I give my brother Francis a mare and her foole, and to my sister Margaret a featherbedd with all other things belonging to it, and a fatte oxe also. Item I give Maister Swift* one of my best gownnes, and to Mr. Bankes Arnaldus de Villa Nova, and a fatte oxe. Item I give George Shawe a feather bedd with all clothes belonginge to yt, and a horse. Item that all my bookes (excepte the Englishe ones) shalbe distributed at the discrecion of my brother Leonarde, whereof the olde wryters to the porest libraries in Cambridge that wanteth theim, and the latter wryters to such as wilbe preachers, and some to my schoole in Lancashire, as Chrisostome and others, wherein I so wryte to be given, and further at his discrecion wheare neede is. Item I give evary househould sarvannt a halfe yeares wage, besydes that quarter that God takes me from them. Item all fyer woode and coole that shalbe lefte, I will it shalbe given to the poore of evarye towne wheare yt lyes. I give the eldest sone of evarie one of my wifes sisters a calever, a dagge and a holbarte, and soe to the eldest sonne of Sir William Kyngsmell. Item I will that Debora my daughter shall have the gylte potte that th'earle of Bedforde her godfather give her. [From the Registry at York.]

IV. TESTAMENTUM BARBARÆ TOMLINSON.

Aug. 30, 1577. Barbara Thomplinson† of the towne of Newcastell upon Tyne, weddowe. To be buried in the churche of St. Nicholas, so nighe the bodye of my late husband John

* Robert Swyft, LL.D., Rector of Sedgfield, Prebendary of Durham Cathedral, and Spiritual Chancellor of the diocese of Durham.

† This lady, the widow of two Newcastle merchants, and who seems, from her balances and weigh balks, to have herself been engaged in trade, was, probably, one of the family of Carr, merchants and mayors of Newcastle. Her second husband was no doubt of the Gateshead Tomlinsons, and she was widely connected with trading families,—Carrs, Andersons, Blunts, Mitfords, Jenisons, &c. To judge from her bequests of plate, she must have been a person of considerable wealth, and in the disposal of her goods she seems to have remembered most of her relations. William Carr, M.P. for Newcastle, 1572, his mother's third husband, John Franckland, and Bertram Anderson, his brother-in-law, all mention in their wills their aunt Thomlinson, and the testatrix was therefore possibly a sister of Ralph Carr, mayor in 1532.

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Blaxton as conveniently maye be. To the vicar for forgotten tythes, 3s. 4d. To the reparacyon of the church, and of the church of Gateshede, 10s. To Oswold sonne of Roger Mitford, merchante, deceased, one old ryall of golde, my little cubborde standinge in my hall at the butterie dore, two almeries standinge in my butterie, all the shelves in the said butterie, one presser in the pantrie, an obligacion wherein he standeth bounde to me for 100*l.*, my fleshe leade, my maulte mylne, and a bill of debte of 22*l.*, wherein the said Roger and Robert his sonne stande bounde to me. To his wife an old angel noble. To Alice, Agnes and Barbara Mitford, sisters to the said Oswold, 6s. 8d. a pece. To Barbara lait wif to Nicholas Maddison, deceased, 6s. 8d. To the said Oswold Mitford a belt and beades, at presente remayninge in my countinge house, and a boxe with certain broken silver in yt, which I receaved of Anne his mother in gage for 7*l.* To Anne the wife of James Dodds, tanner, 10s. To my sister Hilton one bended old ryall. To my cozen Robert Chapman and Thomasin his sister, dwelling at London, 6s. 8d. a pece. To Edward, James and Oswold Carr, to eache a bended old ryall. To Margaret daughter to my nephew Robert Blunt 5s. To Marke Byrd 10*l.*, an yron wey-balk with the schales, one payre of hollowe ballandes, my new payre of ballandes and one hundred-weighte. To Hugh, George and Henry Byrd, his brothers, 20s. a pece, and to Alice and Elynor, their sisters, to eche 6s. 8d. To Elizabeth Byrd, their sister, now remayninge with me, v markes, a bedd and its furniture and a fether bedd. To Emett Chapman an old ryall of gold, and to hir mother 6s. 8d. To Margaret wife of Humphrey Taler an old ryall of gold. To everie one of my cozen Anne Dalton's children 6s. 8d. To Anne daughter of Bennet Chertessie 40s. To my cozen Roger Dalton an old ryall, and to his wife Annes one bended ryall, and my white silver gyrded goblett with the cover. To Anne Rediart 40s. To George Emerson 40s, and to his wife Anne 20s., and also to them and to ther heires a rent of 2s., goinge out of a garden and house in Newcastell, now in ther occupacion. To my cozen Barbara, wife to William Jenison, one old ryall, and one gilded silver salt. To Alice, wife to Robert Mitford of Sighell, my black nutt with the cover, and to Barbara Riddell her sister my standinge gilded cuppe with the cover, havinge the picter of Paull on the said cover. To Bartram sonne to Bartram Anderson,* deceased, a hollow gilded

* Bertram Anderson, several times mayor, and M.P. for Newcastle. He married Alice daughter of Ralph Carr, of Newcastle, merchant. His will was proved June 12, 1571. He desires to be buried in St. Nicholas Church, near his wife. To his daughter Barbara cccc marks, and half her mother's raiment, with

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goblett, which I use dailie to drinke in. To Barbara daughter to Roger Nicholson one gilded silver pott without a cover. To Clement Anderson my best silver cuppe, havinge men of armes upon it. I will that the 20*l.* that the said Clement is owinge to me, for the which I have his close, called Cambies Close, shalbe devided amongest his children, and then he to reposed and enjoye the said close as in his former estate. To Jane daughter of the said Clement one silver salt, which was my brother Docters, vi silver spoones with lyons on the endes of them, my work-a-day hallinges, my napperie chest banded with white plaite, one gilded cuppe, which was my brothers, my cubbord in the hall with two almeries in it, one fether bedd and coveringe. To everie of the children of the said Clement and Barbare his wiff 20s. To Bartram son of the said Clement, and his heires, my garding in the Close. To my cozen Thomas Calverley, esquier, my wainschott table standinge in my hall, and to his daughter Barbara my greate new silver potte, and to his wife I give a litle silver goblett gilted, with a cover, also to the said Thomas my standinge peace of silver, that I drynke in dailie. To Mabel, wife to Henry Anderson of Newcastell, esquier, one ryall of gold, to the said Henry and his heires one annuall rent

half her bells and beads: her aunt Thomlinson to have the custody of her. To his daughter Alison the same, and his father-in-law Mr. John Frankleyne and his wife to have the custody of her. To his son Bertram cccc marks, his great house in the Close, which he bought of Anthony Bird, and all his houses in Morpeth and Gateshead, the mean profits of them to go to his eldest son Henry, until Bertram come of age, and meanwhile he is to have meat, &c., and convenient learning at school. To his daughter Isabel Calverley c marks. To his granddaughter Barbara Calverley 20*l.*, when she comes to fourteen years of age. To John Calverley his grandson 10*l.* to buy him books. To his mother-in-law Mrs. Isabel Franklyne a gold ring, and his best tablet of gold. To his loving aunt Mrs. Barbara Thomlingson a gold ring, and as many coals from his staiths at "Darwen and Stubble Wood" as she may require for the use of her house. To his brother Clement the coals, which Anthony Thomlingson, bailiff of Gateshead, father-in-law to Clement, owes him. To his brother Henry an angel noble. To his sister Jane Mitford a double ducat. To his sister Marion Chapman, widow, three tons of coals from his staith of Silverwood. To Humphrey Taylor 13s. 4d., and to every brother of his late wife Alice 10s. To Elizabeth his brother Francis' widow 10*l.* To Christopher Morpeth 10*l.* To Agnes Orde his maiden 3*l.* To Marion Fenwick, his sister's daughter, 5*l.*, and his son Henry to find her meat, &c., "without rebayteinge anythinge of her porcion." To his father-in-law Mr. John Frankleyn his best gown, and 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To his brother-in-law William Jenison his next best gown, and 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Mark Boid his servant 10*l.* To his servant Christopher Baxter "the remaynder of the Frenche reckonynge, for the whiche my ship, called the John, was stayed for at the towne of Newhaven in France." To his cosin Harye Wyclyffe 10*l.* To the poor of Hamburgh eight tons of coals. The rest to his son Henry, whom he makes executor. His son-in-law Mr. Thomas Calverlaye, his brother-in-law Mr. Christopher Metfordd, alderman of Newcastle, his father-in-law Mr. John Francklyn, Mr. Christopher Morland of Pittington, and his brother-in-law Mr. William Jenison, supervisors, and to each of them he gives an angel noble for a token.

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of 14s., goinge forthe of a tenemente in Gateshede, now in the occupacion of Anthonye Thomplinson, gentillman, which I had of the gifte of one Conand Barton, gentillman. I release unto the said Anthonye Thomplinson 20*l.*, due on a decre maid before the lorde presidente and counsell at Yorke. To my maide servantes 10s. eache, beyond their wages. To William, Edward and Oswold Carr, to everie of ther wives one old ryall a pece. To the poore folks in Newcastell and Gateshede 6*l.* 13s. 4d., to be devided equallie. I will that on the daye of my buriall thirtene graye gownes be given to thirtene honest decayed poore neighbores, and also thirtene graye gownes to thirtene poore women, and eache to have half a yarde of lyninge clothe cut avelinges, in the stede of huddes, whiche I have redie made, and I will that no other morning aparell be used for me. To Barbara, daughter of Henry Anderson of Newcastell, esquier, my newe gilded silver cuppe with a cover, and it to remaine in her father's handes till she come to lawful yeres or be maryed. To everie of the daughters of William Carr late of Newcastell, deceased, which are unmarried, 6s. 8d. To Thomas Thomplinson of Gatishede 20s. To Margaret Merley, my maide, a mattress, a payre of linynge shetes, a payre of blankets, and a bolster. To my other maide servante Jenet Scott a pair of linynge shetes. To Elizabeth Byrd the yonger one greate copper caldron. To the said Thomas Thomplinson one peace of silver, parcel gilte, for a token, to drincke in. The rest of my goodes &c., to my cozen Henry Anderson of Newcastell, esquier, Clement Anderson of the same and Barbara his wiff and Elizabeth Byrd, weddowe, lait wiff of Anthonye Byrd, deceased, whom I make executors, and I make William Jenison, alderman, and my cozen Isabell Franckland of the same town, weddowe, supervisers, and I give to William Jenison a ryall of gold, and to Isabel my beste bedde of downes with a bolster belonginge, and my silke curtins, and the trussing bedde I lye in, with a silke cover to the same. To Benet Chertsye one gilded silver potte with a cover, having A. and A. B. on the cover of the same. [Pr. July 15, 1578.]

V. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI WHITINGHAM.

In nomine Domini, Amen. The xviij daie of Aprell, 1579. I William Whitingham,* minister of the worde of God, and

* The notorious Iconoclastic Dean of Durham. Of a respectable Cheshire family. He was educated at Brazenose College, Oxford, and became first a Fellow of All Souls, and then one of the Seniors of the new foundation of Christ

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Deane of the Cathedral Churche of Durham, beinge sickely and diseased with manye paynes and dyvers sicknesses, for the better preparing of my self to God warde, and quiettinge of my conscience, do make this my testament and last will in writing in this maner as folowethe. First, I give most hertie thanks to Almightie God, my heavenlie Father, for his especiall mercie, in that He hath called me from the blyndenes of idolatrie and superstition, to make me partaker of the blessed light of His Gospell, in that he haith not onlie pardoned my ignorant and wilfule sinnes, but also haith vouchsaved to mak me a witnes and precher of His holie ministerie for mans salvation, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Wherfor I renounce all idolatrie, superstition, ignorance, synne and the worlde, and protest henceforth to live and die in the trew faith and religion of Jesus Christ our onlie Saviour. Next, I will, that after the departence of this mortall liff (according to the laudable custome now used), my bodie be buried unto the glorious daye of the blessed resurection come, and my soull I commende into the handes of the Lorde who gave it. And after my debtes paied and my funerall expences perfurmed, I will that all my worldlie goodes &c. shalbe devided into thre equall partes, wherof I will that Katherina Whitingham alias Jaqueman my wiffe* shall have

Church. He went abroad in 1550, and spent much time in the University of Orleans; during his stay there he married Catherine the daughter of Lewis Jaqueman, a sister of the wife of the celebrated John Calvin. He was an exile, during the Marian persecution, and resided first at Frankfort, and afterwards at Geneva, where he received orders in the reformed church of that place. This ordination was afterwards made a subject of enquiry, and a commission was issued in 1578 to examine into his orders. A difference of opinion existed on the subject among the commissioners, and meanwhile further proceedings were stopped by the Dean's death. He was a man of very considerable learning and great activity; but he cannot be acquitted of the charge of having acted in a narrow-minded spirit, whilst he was the head of the Cathedral Church. He destroyed, as far as possible, all relics, and everything, that related to the patron of Durham, St. Cuthbert; worse than this he outraged the best feelings of our nature, by desecrating the graves of the dead, breaking the grave covers, and putting to a mean use the stone coffins from which he had removed the bodies. Some of these charges may be exaggerated, but it is certain that many of them are true. He died June 10, 1579, and was interred in the Cathedral Church, where, by a kind of retributive justice, his own tombstone was soon after destroyed.

* His wife's will is dated December 9, 1590, at Durham, where she lived after her husband's death. I give a few extracts from it which will be read with some interest. "My mansion and dwelling house in the North Baylye in Durham, with the lyttle house upon the wall, nowe joyntlye occupied with the same, to my sonne Timothie, with all the brewing vessels, iron chimneys, and other fastened implementes to the said house belonginge. Also to my sonne Timothye all my landes &c., which I have in the realme of France at Ingree, scytuate within two or three miles of the cyttye of Orleance, which discended unto me by inherytance from my father Loys Jaqueeman of Orleance. To my sonne Daniell all that my house or houses, scytuate in Kingesgayte, nere to the Bow Church, in Durham.

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one parte, the second parte I bequeath to Sara, Judith, Debora

To my sonne Timothye one dozen of silver spoones, one salt, one silver guilt bowle, which he hath alreadye, also the great grene bedstede, and best fether bedd, bolster, mattres, two pillows, one payr of large blankettes, and the best coveringe, with the valence of curteynes, also one cupbord, curyously wroughte, of walnut tree, together with one grene chaire of embroydered work, one longe window cushion of grene wroughte satten, also the two volumes of the Actes and Monumentes of the Churche, and my great French Bibell. To my sonne Danyell the bedstedd of walnut tree, with the feather bedd, bolster and all other thinges belonging to it, also one other standinge bedd in the hall parler, one coffer with boxes in yt standinge onn a frame, one greene chayre of ymbroydered work, all the timber and bordes which I have at the Moore House, and in my house in Kingesgate, also my beste silver bowle, double guilte, with a coveringe and a case. To my sonnes Tymothye and Danyell, to be divided amongest them, and wherof Tymothye to taike the first choyse, all my armour and warlike furniture (except one cote of playte, one paire of sleves of male, one halbart, one callaver with flask and touchbox, remayning at West Brandon), which I give unto my grandchilde Robert Birkhead. All which thinges, by me given unto my sonne Danyell, shall be in the custodye of my sonne Tymothye, until my said sonne Danyell come to twentye one yeres of age. To my welbeloved daughter Whittingham one pownced guilt bowle with a coveringe. To William, Tymothy and John, her children, and my grandchildren, my three silver pottes, parcel gilte, and to the said William my great brasse caldron. To Katherine my grandchilde, sister to the said William, my seale ringe, and a fayre greene chest, banded with iron, and my iron stove. To my daughter Judith Whittingham the moytye of all my household stuffe, playt, apparell, goodes &c., (my ready mony and bonds excepted,) which I give to my sonne Tymothye. The other moytye I give to all the children of my daughter Sara Birkhead. And for that my sonne Danyell shall not accomplish the age of twentye and one yeares until the xij of November, 1592, which is fowre yeares from the expiracion of the lease of the Moore House, therefore for the bettering of the stayte of the children of my daughter Birkhead, I will that my sonne Tymothye shall taike the whole rentes of the farme of the Moore House, and of the keepership of the Hayninge woode, and the moytye of the parsonage of Mydfourthe, for two yeares, that is to say, until my sonne Danyell come to age, and that he shall paie to Danyell 10*l.* eache yeare for the said two yeares, and further, at the end of the said two yeares, shall paie unto him 20*l.*, and shall also paye for the said two years 30*l.* a year to my daughter Birkheades children. And as my daughter Birkhead has seaven children, Elizabeth, Robert, Anne, Jarrard, Sara, Jane and George, I give to six of them 10*l.* a peace, and to Robert, the seventh, the lease of the house in Lygate in Durham, which I bought of Mr. Thomas Salven, and if Robert dye, then to come to Jarrard, then to George, and then to ther sisters in succesion. I will that my sonne Tymothye, at the end of two yeares, as aforesaid, shall pay 20*l.* to the children of my daughter Elizabeth Fetherstonhaughe. To my sonne Tymothye my greatest and best payre of virginals. To my sonne-in-law William Dent two old angells. To my frend Coming, register of the Cathedral Church, one cote of playt, which I did latly lend unto him, and one old angell. To my trustye frend Raphe Pendrethe, th'elder of Moresley, 20s. To Robert Hudspeth of Jellegate, his wife and his children, all the money he doth owe me. To my daughter Sara Birkhead my greene enameled ringe, having a deathes head upon it, and after her decease, yt to go to my grandchild Robert, her sonne. To my sonne Daniell two little ringes of gold, one with a stone, th'other graven with a seale theron, and one duble ducket, and two crusadoes of gold. To my daughter Judith one millene angell, and 20s. in millen sixpences. To the poore of the North Baylye 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To the rest of the poore in Durham 5*l.* I maik my sonne Tymothye sole executor. To my servant Raphe Appleby 13s. 4d., and to his daughter, which I christened, 6s. 8d. To Margaret Carter 3s. 4d., and to her daughter Elizabeth 20d."

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and Elizabethe, my doughters,* equallie to be parted amongest them, when they shall eache come to the aige of twentie fouer yeres, or be maried, and if it happen that all my doughters die, before they be maried, or come to twentie fouer yeres, then I give the saide portion to the poore schollers of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, especially to suche as shall seame toward in the studye of divinitie, and the thirde parte I reserve unto myne executores, to performe my legacies, &c. I give to the poore and decaed housholders in Durham 10*l.* To the poore strangers of the Frenche churche in London 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To my good laidies the Counteses of Huntingdon and Warwicke, either of them one book with a cover of silver gilte, to the value of 10*l.* To Sara and Judith Whitingham, my doughters, 30*l.* a pece. To my cosinge Richard Whittingham 5*l.* To Sara Hodshon, my cosinge, 10*l.* To Katherine Tailor, my cosinge, wedowe, 20s. To Randall Griffin, my cosinge, 40s., and to his sister Joan 20s. To Robert and Anne Toft, my cosinges, 20s. a pece. To Margaret Sprage 10s. To Mr. Thomas Calverley, esquier, 10s. To Mr. Anthonie Tailbois, esquier, 10s. To Mr. Christofer Goodman, preacher, an old riall. To Mr. Gilbie an old riall, and to my god-doughter Sara Gilbie, wife to Thomas Wodhous, 10s. To Mr. William Williams and his wiffe 4*l.* To Mr. Henrie Smyth 10s. To Mr. Pattinson, of Christ College in Cambridge, 10s. To Mr. Richard Walton, of Durham, 10s. To Mrs. Rudd and Mrs. Jane, the Frenchewoman, ether of them 10s. To Mr. Richard Hudson, one of the advocates of York, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Robert Hind, of Newcastle, 40s. To Francis Withers 20s. To my god-sonnes Jacob and Samuel Pilkington and Isack Bennet 10s. a pece. To my welbeloved servantes, John Hawkins 40s., Robert Chapman 3*l.* 6s. 8d., Lionel Martin 3*l.* 6s. 8d., John Worme, 6*l.* 13s. 4d., Lawrence Thompson 40s., Francis Blaike 4*l.*, Simon Cominge 5*l.*, Thomas Sheles 2*l.* 6s. 8d., Thomas Darlie 4*l.*, Thomas Colson 40s., Anthonie Jackson 6*l.* 13s. 4d., Ralphe Goodchilde 40s., John Walton 20s., Robert Slight 20s., Robert Burne 10s., Robert Applebie 20s., Lancelot Goodchild 20s., John Grame 13s. 4d., William Whitfeild 2*l.*, John Oxnett 20s., James my gardiner 40s., Raphe Pendreth 40s., John Westwood 20s., Anne Cockie my maide 40s., Jane Mitfurthe my maide 40s., Elinor Pentland 13s. 4d., the thre kitchin boyes, ether of them 6s. 8d., Margaret Carter 5s. To the wife of Robert Hudspeth, my nurce, 10s. To Thomas Harison, singing man, and my servant, 20s. To my

* His daughters were all married. Sarah to Gerard Birkhead, of Brandon, co. Durham; Judith to William Wearmouth, mayor of Newcastle in 1598, 1603, and 1614; Debora to William Dent; and Elizabeth to . . . Fetherstonhaugh.

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welbeloved in Christ Mr. Docter Pilkington 10s. To Mr. John Pilkington 10s. To Mr. Francis Bunney, Mr. Docter Bennet and Mr. Robert Swifte 10s. a pece. To every petticanon 5s. To Mr. Cooke, scholemaister, 6s. 8d. To Sir Grene, usher, 5s. To the gospeller and pistoler 6s. 8d. a pece. To William Browne, master of the quieristers, 10s. To everye one of the singingmen 3s. 4d. To everye one of the quiristers 20d. To Richard Johnson 10s. To Richard Marshall, register, 6s. 8d. To Gilbert Spence 6s. 8d. To Thomas Browne, the barber, 6s. 8d. To Robert Wake 10s. To the almsmen, except Gilbert Spence, etche of them 3s. 6d. And wheras I have maide my will of late, touchinge the disposition of my landes of the East and West Baulke and the moietie of the rectorie of Mitfurthe, my will is, that the same devise do stande to all suche uses as therin and herin is specified. The residew of my goodes &c., I give to Katherine, my wiffe, Daniell, my sonne, and Debora and Elizabeth, my doughters, whom I make executors. I make Katherine, my wife, tutor of Sara, Judith, Debora, Elizabeth and Daniell, my children. Witnesses, Robert Swifte, Henry Smyth, William Browne, Simon Cominge.

In Dei nomine. Amen. I William Whitingham do make this my last will, touchinge the order and disposition of my landes &c. I will that Katherine, my wiffe, besides her thirdes, shall have the residue of all my landes &c., that is to wit, the two partes of the manor or grange of the East and West Baulke, in the countie of York, and two partes of the moiety of the rectorie of Mitfurthe, until suche time as the said Katherine shall take of the profittes, yearlie risinge thereof, as well the sume of 400*l.*, for the preferment of Sara, Judith, Debora and Elizabeth, my doughters, as also the sume of 26*l.* 13s. 4d. yerely unto my sonne Timothie,* and 10*l.* by yeare to my sonne Daniell, for ther several exhibicions and findinge, until the said 400*l.* shalbe levied &c., of the profittes of my said landes &c. I will further, that if the said Katherine do happen to marie, before all the said sumes be levied, that then she shall onlie have her thirdes, and that Thomas Calverley, esquier, Anthony Tailboys, esquier, Robert Swifte and Henry Smyth shall, after suche mariage, have all the residew of the said landes, untill the remnant of the somes, before mentioned, be levied. (The same provision in case of her death.) I will that the revercion of the

* His son was knighted in 1603. He purchased the manor of Holmside, co. Durham; and by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Bryan Ascough, of Osgodby, co. Lincoln, esq., was the ancestor of a line of Whittinghams, who were seated at Holmside, until they became extinct in the male line, at the beginning of the eighteenth century.

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East and West Baulkes, and of the moietie of the rectorie of Mitfurthe do come to my sonne Timothie and his heires, and for defaute of suche, then to my sonne Daniell, then to Sara, Judith, Debora and Elizabeth, my doughters, and then to my righte heires. [Pr. July 4, 1579.]

VI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS LAWSON.

Sept. 20, 1578. John Lawson,* of the parish of Chester. To be buried within the parishe churche of Chester. To Anne, my wif, the tythe corne of the West Hall of Cramlington, duringe the yeres of my lease, given me by Robert Lawson, esquier, my brother, and also the tythes of the hole prebende of Lumley, duringe the yeres of James Merven lease, accordinge to the grant of Richarde, the reverende father in God, the Bushope of Durham. And if it happen that my wif dye before the said lease be expired, then it shall come unto Gilfride Lawson,† youngest sone of my brother Thomas Lawson, esquier. To Charles Hedlye, marchante, and to John his brother, 4*d*. To Anne, my wif, two pastures in the manes, duringe my brother Richarde Harbotles lease. To my nevie Ranold Lawson my browne Duche cloke, furred with martines. To my nevie Lionell Lawson my murninge blacke cloke. To George Lassels, of Darlington, brother of my wif, one cote with britches. To William Lassels, of Newcastell, brother of my wif, one Duche cloke, furred with foxe fure, my sworde and my bucklere, and my blacke futchen dublett, lined with sarsnet. To Henrye Tenand, marchante, one pare of blacke saten sleves, and one pare of coveringes of blacke mockadowe. To Thomas Shevell, marchante, one Spanis jerkynge with sleves. To George Barker, cordiner, of Newcastell, my brother-in-law, one whit rashe dublett. To John Hedworthe, of Haraton, esquire, my browne kedgell stafe for a token. To my brother William Lawson, of Thorpe Bowmer, one olde riall, trustinge that he will be good to my wif. To Anne Harbotle, my sister, one browne gowne, faced with fure. To Charles Hedlye, my wife's sone, one branded

* A younger son of William Lawson of Usworth, co. Durham, gent., by his wife Isabel, daughter of John Hedworth, of Harraton, esq. He married Anne daughter of John Lassels, swordbearer of Newcastle. His bequests indicate a man fond of sport; he gives a pair of hounds to Thomas Forster, of Edderston, with whom he had probably coursed, when on a visit to his brother Robert, who had married the heiress of Swinhoe of Rock. To his cousin Hedworth he leaves his cudgell staff, which had sometime, perhaps, made acquaintance with his cousin's head.

† Ancestor of the Lawsons, baronets of Isell, co. Cumberland.

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quie, of two yeres olde. To John Hedlye, his brother, one blacke quie, of three yeres old. To Elizabeth Lee one broken gold ringe. To John Lassels,* sword-bearer of Newcastell, my father-in-law, two cappes. To James Foget, my man, one bowle of wheate. To the poore people of the parish of Chester 10s. To Thomas Foster, of Edderston, in the countie of Northumberlande, esquire, one brace of blacke grewe houndes. The rest of my goods &c., to Anne, my wif, whom I make executrix, and I make Henry Tenand, of Newcastell, marchante, supervisor. [Pr. July 15, 1580.]

Inv. July 21, 1580 *In the hall.* One irone chymney, with all the appertenences to it belonging, 6s. 8d. A drawinge table with a carpett, a forme, and iij buffett stooles 13s. 4d. One counter, j carpett, j forme, ij chayres, with a little chayre, and j salte kytt for salte 13s. 4d. One almerie, with a Danske chiste, and j payre of tables 18s. xj qwyshinges 4s. One raper with a hanger 5s. *In the chamber.* One trussyng, j leather bead, j bolster, j pyllowe, ij hanginges, j coverlett, and ij blankettes 13s. One table, iij bolsters, and viij coodes 10s. Two old chystes 2s. One chyste, covered with leather, wherin iij payer of shettes is lying, 14s. v payer of strakinge shettes 13s. 4d. iij payer of harden shettes 6s. ij payer of course shettes for servantes beddes 3s. 4d. xiiij pillowberes 13s. 4d. ix table clothes, whereof one is of dyaper, with two course table clothes, 20s. iiij lynnen towelles, iiij straking towelles, and j harden towell 6s 8d. Two dozen and a halffe of table napthkens 6s. 8d. The painted clothes hanginges about the chamber, withe a capcase 2s. 6d. *In the parler.* One stand bedd with j feather bedd, j payer of blankettes of wollen, ij happynges, j coveringe, j bolster, j pyllowe, with hanginges of wollen 22s. v coverlettes, ij happinges and iij payer of wollen blankettes 13s. 4d. One long settell bedd, j chyste, j coffer, j other litle chyste, and j forme 13s. 4d. One peace of lynnen 10s. *The iner chamber.* One servantes bedde, ij happinges, j payer of shettes and j bolster 5s. One almerie 5s. xviij peace of putter vessell, as plateres and dyshes, j basinge, iiij sawseres, j chamber pott,

* His will is dated Mar. 18, 1581, and was proved Oct. 16, 1582. "John Lassells of Newcastle upon Tyne, marchante. To be buryed in St. Nicholas Church in St. George porche, nyghe my wyffe Anne. To my sonne George Lassells of Darlington my beste gowne, faced with blacke budge, my beste dublett of satten, my black chamlett jacket, garded with velvet, vj silver spoynes with lyons on ther endes, one white sylver peece, and a dublett of black worsett. To my doughter Margaret Sheills two sylver spoynes and 10s. To my doughter Elizabeth Tenand the same. To my doughter Anne Casson of Houghton the same. The rest to William Lassells my sonne, whom I make executor. Mr. William Selbye, alderman, supervisor."

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j quart pott, ij bountinge pottes, j pynte poot and ij salte salleres 20s. The ketchinge vessell, viz., ij brase pootes, j posnett, j yetlinge, v panes, j morter with a pestell, j ladell, j grayt, j gyrde-iron, j fleshe knyfe, ij rackes, j payer of gybcrockes, and ij spettes 20s. In the butrye and ketchen 10s. One greate arke for corne or bread 6s. 8d. iiij sylver sponnes 12s. The brewe vessell with a tappe stone 6s. 8d. One almerie 6s. 8d. Apperell geven by legacie to the value of 20*l.* Apperell not geven 30s. Two cappes, j sworde with a buckler, and a stafe with a sworde in it 30s. One steyle cape with a cover 5s. iiij shyrtes 20s. *The cattell.* Two kyen and j whye 3*l.* ij horses 3*l.* iij swyne 10s. iij pullen 3s. *The corne at Lumley.* Thirty thraves of wheat 3*l.* One wyndow clothe with seave and riddell, with a bushell, and other necessaries 5s. The funeral expenses 3*l.* 10s. Summa totalis 54*l.* 6s. 10d. *Debtes owinge to the testator.* The executors of my brother Mr. Thomas Lawson, of Litle Ossworth, 3*l.* 13s. 4d. William Hall, of Chester, 10s. He owes 8*l.* 10s. Summa de claro 26*l.* 9s. 2d.* ✠

VII. TESTAMENTUM GEORGII BLENKINSOP.

March 20, 1576. George Blenkinsope,† of Dryburnehaugh. My bodye to be buryed in my parishe churche of Hatwhissell. To my wiffe Janet the full one halfe, or moytye, of all my demaine off Dryburnehaugh, with the principal house therof, duringe her wedowhoode. Also I give unto hir ij kye, that was given hir by my sonne Trystrame, at the daye of his deathe, with the full righte of all hir dowrye of goodes. To my doughter Magdalene 13*l.* 6s. 8d. To my sonne Franncis a gildene dagger. To my sonne Gabriell a longe sworde. To my sonne Thomas a sword. To my sonne Robert ij long tables and an ambrye, to be left as hyerloomes. To my wife Janet one golden jewell, which I wane at Musslebrough Feild, during hir liffe, and then I wyll yt shall come to the heirs of the howse, as an heyrlome. The rest of my goods &c., to my sonnes Francis Blenkinsope,

* Where the sign ✠ is placed at the end of an inventory, it is to be understood that the entire inventory is printed.

† A scion of the ancient house of Blenkinsop, and the head of the family seated at Dryburnhaugh, afterwards called Blenkinsop Hall, until the beginning of the eighteenth century. Perhaps the testator may be identified with the George Blenkinsop, of Bellister, who is said by Mr. Hodgson to have married Jane daughter of Albany Fetherstone. He had seen some service in the field, and had taken part in the battle of Pinkey, fought near Musselburgh, in 1547, from whence he had brought back a memorial of his valour, which he desires to be treasured as a worthy heirloom in his house.

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Thomas Blenkinsope, clerk, George Blenkinsope, of London, clotheer, and Gabryell Blenkinsope, whom I maike executors. Witnesses, Christofer Rydley, curat, Launcelot Thirlwall, John Blenkinsope, James Rydley, Alexander Fetherston. [Pr. July 28, 1580.]

VIII. TESTAMENTUM GEORGII LAWSON.

May 1, 1580. George Lawsonn,* of Nesham, in the countie palatyne of Durham, gentleman. To my nephewe Ralfe Lawson, sonne to my brother Henrye Lawson of Nesham, esquier, my whole lease &c., in Swaynston, in consideracion that he paye to his sisters, my neces, Isabell and Margaret Lawson 100*l.* a peice, and to everie of his sisters Mary, Katharen and Jane Lawson 50*l.* a peice. I will also that the said Ralfe, my nephewe, shall paye to my nephewe Roger Lawson, of Burghe, xx angels, towardes the biinge of a chaine, for a token of remembrance from me. To my sister Barbarye Scrivener† 20*l.* My saide nephewe Ralfe executor. Supervisers, my nephewe

* A member of a Northumberland family, one of whom, a Newcastle merchant, the father of the testator, had a grant from Henry VIII. of the Abbey of Nesham, over which his sister had presided, as prioress, until its dissolution. James Lawson, who obtained the Abbey in 1540, was mayor of Newcastle 1529 and 1540. He married Alice daughter of George Bertram, of Newcastle, merchant, and the testator was her second son. Her will, which is registered at York, is dated Nov. 14, 1547. "Alison Lawson, late wife to James Lawson, of Newcastle, merchant. To be buried in St. Nicholas Church, where my daughter Elizabeth was buried, and there to be a general dirige with all priests of the town and clerks. To my daughter Elizabeth Fenwick my fermeholde in Elswick, and a standing peace gilted, and to her daughter Elizabeth 13*l.* 6s. 8d. To Gabriel and Edmund Fenwick, to either of them 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To my daughter Barbara Blunt 33*l.* 6s. 8d., to be received at her husband's hands, of that he is owing for the ships, and a pair of salts. To James Blunt xx marks. To Robert and Agnes Blunt, her children, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To my son Edmund xxiiij kye and their calves at Tanfield. To my three sons George, William and Henry xx marks a piece. To my daughters Elizabeth Fenwick and Barbara Blunt my bells and beads, with my raiment. To Edward and James Bartram 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Anthony Bartram 40s. To Cuthbert Hebborne 40s. To six priests that shall bear me to church 2s. 6d. a peice, whose names here follow, Edward Fiffe, John Clerk, Roland Harding, Edward Walker, John Ragges and David Tailor. I will have a yearly obit for vj years. To James, Edmund Lawson's son, my best belt, that is silver and gilt, with my best silver beads, and in default of him to Ralph his brother, and so to the rest of Edmund's children. To my son Edmund a low silver peice gilt. The rest to him and my daughter Elizabeth Fenwick, they executors. To Jane and Barbara Bartram 40s."

† The testator's sister Barbara married to her first husband Cuthbert Blunt, of Newcastle, merchant. His will was proved Oct. 11, 1568. He leaves the tuition, of his son Edward to his uncle Morland, of his daughter Anne to his aunt Agnes Lawson, dwelling at St. Edmund's in Gateshead, of his son Mark to his brother Henry Lawson, of his sons James and Robert to his brother Mr. Hodgson, and of his youngest son William to his wife Barbara. He leaves his aunt Lawson a hoop of gold. His brother George Lawson a new furred coat and a cloak. He

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Raphe Lawson,* of Broughe, in the countie of York, esquire, my brother Henrye Lawson, and my brother-in-law Mr. Richard Hodgshon,† to eche of whom I give 40s. for there paynes.

May 19, 1580. This codicil I George Lawson will, devise and declare to be unite and annexed to my last will &c. To my sister Isabell Hodgshon xx angels. To everie of my nephewes Robert, William and Richard Hodgshon one angell a pece. To my nephewe Launcelot Hodgshon one yonge horse. To my nece Elizabeth Hedlye two angells. To my nece Mrs. Elizabeth Lawson, of Burghe, two angells, and to Edmund, Ayles and Margaret Lawson, son and daughters of my nephewe Raphe, one angell a pece. To my nece Elizabeth Selby‡ one younge horse or meare, and to everye of hir children one angell a pece. To my nephewes James, Robert, Edward, Marke and William Blunt one angell a pece. To my brother Hodgshon my younge blacke horse, if he do lyke him. To my brother Henrye Lawson my graye geldinge. To my sister Francis, his wif, xx angells, and to my nephew James Lawson one younge stagge. I give Barthram Barrowe, for his life time, 40s. by yere, or fower beaste gaites, whether he will. To Richard Lawson 20s. To Robert Thompson and Alice Chamber, to eche of them 10s. To Margerye Harrison 6s. 8d. To every other servant of my brother's house 2s. a pece, men and mades. I will my brother Henrye do cause Olyver Lawson be kept at scole two yeres, to he can write and rede, that he maye be put to a science, and my brother to have allowed 10*l.*, for the said two yeres, and then his freindes to provide for him with his porcion, which they have amonge

names as supervisors Christopher Morland, Henry and George Lawson, and his father Brimley.

Barbara Blunt, the widow, afterwards married . . . Scrivener; her brother William Lawson, of Newcastle, merchant, in his will, proved Aug. 24, 1580, leaves all his property to Mr. William Middleton, of Skipton in Craven, and Mrs. Barbara Blunt alias Scrivener.

Agnes Lawson, mentioned, as his aunt, in Cuthbert Blunt's will, made her will March 14, 1565. She desires burial at St. Nicholas, Newcastle. She leaves to Elizabeth Killingworth brass potts, pewter dishes, &c., a similar bequest to Agnes daughter to her late brother George Lawson. To Agnes, daughter of James Lawson, her late brother William's son, the rest of her goods at Gateshead. To her sister Barbara four oxen at Fenham. George Lawson, her brother James's son, executor.

* Afterwards Sir Ralphe Lawson, knight, son of Edmund Lawson by Margery sister and heir of John Swinhoe, of Rock, esq. He married Elizabeth daughter and heir of Roger Burgh, of Burgh, esq., and is now represented by Sir William Lawson, of Brough, bart., a vice-president of the Surtees Society.

† Richard Hodgson, of Hebborne, co. Durham, esq. Mayor of Newcastle 1555, 1566, and 1580. The husband of the testator's sister Isabel, widow of Gerard Fenwick of Newcastle, merchant. His will is printed in this volume.

‡ Wife of William Selby of Newcastle, mayor 1573, and daughter and heir of Gerard Fenwick.

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them. To the prisoners, such as my brother Henrye thinke goode of, 20s. To William Gowland my old baye horse. To Henrye Davison, my servant, 20s., for one half yeres waiges. To Henrye Harrison, one of my cotes, and a paire of britches, and 10s. The rest of my goodes &c., to Raphe sonne of my brother Henrye Lawson, of Nesham, esquier. [Pr. Oct. 15, 1580, administration to Ralph Lawson, his father Henry Lawson, esq., appointed his tutor during his minority.]

IX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS HALL.

In the name of God, Amen. In the yere of our Lord one thousand fyve hundrethe and fower score, the xv daie of September. I John Hall,* of Consett, in the countie of Durham, gentilman, beinge sicke and crazed in bodye, but of hole and perfite memorie, thankes be unto God, doth make this my last will and testament, in maner and forme folowinge. First, I committ my soull to the mercie of Almightie God, my Maker and Redeemer, trusting to obtain salvation throughe the deathe of His Sonne, my Saviour, Christe Jesu, and my bodye to be buryed in my parishe churche, my mortuarye and all other dues first beinge paied.† Item I geve and bequieth to my eldest sonne John Hall a silver goblett, a silver salte, parcell gilte, together with all the heirelumes at Consett, whiche William Warde did bequiethe by his last will and testament, and all my harnesse with the furniture, sworde, dagger, buckler, speieth, pikes, bowes and shaftes, and all therto belonginge. Item I geve and bequieth to my doughter Dorathee Hall one hundrethe markes, whiche shalbe in full satisfaction of hir childes part and portion, to be taken forthe of my whole goodes and chattels. Item I give and bequieth to Thomas Hutchesone's wife, and Leonard Oliver's wiffe, to eyther of them a cowe, and to Jane Hall and Isabell, there sisters, to eyther of them 20s. Item I geve and bequieth to Isabell, my wiffe, and John Hall, my sonne, the obligacion, whiche Robert Blenkinsope, of Consett, standeth bounde unto me, for the saill and lettinge of his landes in Consett. Item I geve and bequieth to William Scrutvell, sonne and heire to Ralphe Scrutvell, one fole. I geve and bequieth to

* Son of John Hall, of Birtley, co. Durham, gentleman, by Agnes daughter of John Swinburne, of Lyntzford. He married Isabel daughter and heir of William Ward, of Consett, by Elizabeth daughter of Roger Swinburne, of Eglingham, co. Northumberland, esq. After her husband's death she re-married John Heron.

† In printing the succeeding Wills, the merely technical part is omitted, unless it contains some peculiarity of expression.

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Edward Hall, and Anthonye Hall, of Durham, to eyther of them one whie withe calve, and to George Cuthbert and John Wall, to eyther of them one whie. Item I forgeve George Wilkinson, of Winlington, five markes or more, whiche he owethe me, and I forgeve Nicholas Atkinson, of Benfeilsyde, 20s., whiche he owethe me. I geve and bequiethe to my mother Billingham,* and to everye one of hir thre daughters ij angells a pece. Item I geve and bequiethe to Anthonye Comminge one stott, and to William Tailer, Raphe Dormant and everye one of my housholde servantes an ewe. Also I will and bequiethe that Isabell, my wiffe, and my mother Billingham shal have the custodye or keeping of my childer and ther porcions, until they come to lawful yeres, kepinge them at schole and lerninge. Item I geve and bequiethe to Robert Hall and Charles Hall, my sonnes, to eyther of them 20*l.*, over and besydes their childes parte and porcion, and executors parte, for ther annuytie is small. All the residue of my goodes and chatteles, moveable and unmoveable, my debtes paid, legacies and funerall dischardged, I geve and bequiethe to Isabell, my wiffe, Raphe Hall, Christofer Hall, Roberte Hall, Charles Hall and Nicholas Hall, my sonnes, whom I make my full and sole executores of this my last will and testament. Also I doe make Mr. Charles Hall, of the Fellinge, Jerarde Salvane, of Croxdaill, esquiere, Edward Hall and Anthonye Hall, of Durham, to be the supervisors of this my last will and testament, havinge ther chardges borne in all my affaires. Item I geve and bequiethe to Mr. Charles Hall and Jererde Salvaine, to eyther of them one olde ryall, for a token of remembrance. In witness whereof, I have written this my last will and testament, with my owne hande, the xv daie of September, anno Domini 1580, unto the whiche, I have put my seal and subscribed my name. Sealed, signed and delivered in the presence of Mr. John Blenkinsoppe, Thomas Hall, John Grainger, Thomas Rippon, John Hall. [Pr. Feb. 11, 1580-1.]

X. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI MARSHALL.

Feb. 11, 1581. Richard Marshall,† of the citye of Durhame, publique notarie. I geve to be distributed amonge the poore

* Widow of William Ward, then wife of John Billingham, of Crook Hall, co. Durham, esq.

† Registrar of the Dean and Chapter of Durham. He was a member of a Northumberland family from the neighbourhood of Morpeth, one of whom, Gilbert, cousin of the testator, acquired lands in Denton, and his descendants flourished at Selaby for some generations. The will of the testator's cousin Richard, rector of Stainton, is printed in this volume.

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people, at the descrition of Jayne, my wyffe, 10s. To Mr. Thomas Watson,* doctor of divinitie, sometime Busshope of Lincoln, one old ryall of gould, and I requier him, and all Christiane people, to pray for me. To my syster Johan Williamson, of London, 20s. To Jennet Jaye, wedow, 3s. 4d. To Mathew Jaye 3s. 4d. To Elizabethe Blithe 3s. 4d. To Rychard Jaye 3s. 4d. To Richard Marshall, of Seham, my godchild, 12d. I gev my house, that I now dwell in, in Kingsgat in Durham, with th'appurtenances to Jayne, my wyffe, duringe her liffe, and after her decease, to desend to my sone Thomas Marshall, and his heires for ever, and for lake of such heires, to my sone John Marshall and his heires, and for lake of such to my daughter Margret, then to my daughter Jayne, then to my daughter Susane, then to Isabell, then to Elizabeth, and then to my nexte of kinne. I geve to Jayne, my wiffe, Thomas and John, my sones, Margret, Jayne, Susane, Isabell and Elizabethe, my daughters, all my leases and fyned land, that I have in the dyocese of Durhame, amonge them, that ys to saye, my lease of the tythe corne of Morton, two leasses of two tennements, with th'appurtenances, in the North Bayllye in Durhame, my lease of the mylne of Shinclef and closse, and the fyne of Gebett knolles, nyghe Durhame. To my cossin Margret Marshall, wedow, of East Rainton, late wyffe to my cossin John Marshall, 12d. The residue of my goodes &c., to my wyffe and children, whom I make executores. And supervisore hereof, I make my right welbeloved cossen Mr. Richard Marshall, parson of Stainton, clarke, to whom, for a token, I geve one Franche crowne. Witnesses, Nicholas Turpinge, Edward Clark and Gilbarte Spence, publick notarye. [Pr. Apr. 4, 1581.]

Inv. March 30, 1581. *In the hall.* One irron chemney with a porr, a pair tonges, a irron showell, ij raken croukes and a gerd irron 13s. 4d. A kerved cubbord 1*l.* A duble counter, ij fourmes, and a stoull 12s. One letle foldinge table 3s. Two chares and ij stoulls 2s. The hanginges in the hall, and a glase cagge 1s. 8d. On the cubords hed, ij bassens, ij euers, ij saltes, ij candelstekes 9s. 4d. On basson, j euer and iij candelstekes of latten 5s. 4d. A box of trenchers, and a standing cup of maysor, and a clook 6s. On the littell cubords hed, ij puder platters, ij candelstekes 2s. vij platers, iij putter dyshes, iiij plattes, vj sawcers, iij banketing dyshes, vj podden dyshes 1*l.*

* Thomas Watson, S. T. P., Dean of Durham, was consecrated Bishop of Lincoln 1557; he occupied that see only two years, as he was deprived by Queen Elizabeth in 1559, on account of his religious opinions. It seems that he had a sympathizer in the testator, who makes a request—a very rare one in Elizabethan wills—that he will give him his prayers.

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A payre of playinge tabells 1s. 8d. A standing cup of selver 26s. 8d. Fower selver spones 10s. *In the buttre.* An ambre with iij lokes and keys 6s. 8d. A letell cheste and a bord 1s. 4d. xv pece of putter, ij sawcers, vj old podden desses 14s. 8d. Thre red candelstekes, and a chaffen dyshe 1s. 5d. Two morters of brasse, and ij iron pestells 8s. A potell pott, a thre-pynt pott, iij quart potes, a pynt pot, a gyll pot, a flour pot, a old salt, a dossen spones, a ten goblet 4s. 6d. A box with trenchers, and a box for ottmell 1s. Two harden bordclothes, a towell, iij table napkens 1s. 6d. Thre irron spettes 1s. 6d. Two grattes and a lantrone 12d. *In the ketchinge and too-fall.* A irron chemney, a rak crouke and a payre potcleps 7s. Fower brass pottes, a skellet, a posnet, a letell kettle with iij fett, and a old yetlen 16s. Two frying panes and a droping pane 2s. 6d. Thre old tenker panes, iij ladells, ij hamers 1s. 5d. A pair irron rakes, a pair gebcrokes, a letle trefoot 1s. 4d. A bord, a old maskfatt, iij choppinge knyffes 1s. 6d. Fyve skelles for watter, iij leven tubes, a fyche basket 2s. Sartayn bordes and houpes for a maskfat 6s. 8d. A old ambre, a longe borde and a old hodgshed 2s. 8d. A brake and tong with a irron bolt, and iij iron wedges, a ston trow 14d. A axe, a hatchet, a old belstaf, and a walking staf 12d. Two paire temes, ij seves, a redell 6d. *In the chamber.* A joynd bede, and a hurll bed, ij old mattresses, and a credell 11s. A longe framed bord, and iij formes 7s. A letell irron chemney, and a paire tonges 4s. The hanginge about the chamber, ij platters, and a bassen 7s. *In the ouder chamber.* Thre chestes, and a old chest 8s. *In the big chamber.* A stand bedd with v cortens and a testers of gren and red say 10s. A lettell joyned table and a cownter 5s. 6d. A cheste with loke and keye 3s. 4d. Thre fether bedes, iij bolsters, and ix lettell coddes 46s. 8d. Two oversey bed coveringes, the one lyned with harden, 33s. 4d. Sexe coverlettes 12s. viij happens 5s. 4d. Nyne queshinges, and iij thrombe ones 18s. Sexe paire and one ode lene shettes 26s. 8d. One paire of strakens, and ij paire harden shettes 7s. 6d. Nyne pillibers 9s. Two old bordclothes, and a dossen table napkens 5s. 4d. One bordclothe, one towell, one napken of dyaper 7s. One joyned bedsted without postes 4s. One hurll bedsted, and hanginges in the lettell chamber 2s. Two payr of whit blankettes 4s. Two chares, v tressells, a old hodgshed and a great barell, ij ratten faulles, a dossen bedstaufes 2s. *For his apparrell.* One ewe bowe 6s. A old sattayne dublet, and a mellen fostean dublet 12s. A blake cloke with sleves 20s. A Spaneche capp of fressadowe 4s. A freese coott 2s. 6d. Two pair hosse 3s. Two gownes of brodclothe 20s. A blake brodclothe coott 3s. *In the*

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stable. A horse 40s. Two kyene 53s. 4d. One ryding sadle with stiropes and gertes, another sadle without ger, a lod-sadle without geer, and a brydle 3s. 4d. A horse rake, a cawell, iij trowes, a old bedsted, a swall of a tre, and sartayn fyer wood 3s. Two irron forkes, a graper, and a horse come 8d. A wendding cloth, vij sekes 4s. A kell hayr 2s. *In the housse at the Abbay gaittes.* A stand bed with cordes 4s. A littell counter 12d. A great arke to kep corne 20s. A old ambre, and a old bedsted 12d. Sartayn sawen tember, with ij tres lyinge besyd the church, and one besyd John Stouttes, 40s. *Sartayne corne at Mourton.* Two wheett stakes, covered with peeas, as they now stand, 8*l.* 13s. 4d. A stadle of ottes, likewyse covered with peease, 24s. One lease of one close at Burstwiche, in Yorkshire 15*l.* *In the seller I had forgetten to sett in before.* A wortt tube and a guyllfate 16d. A littell beffe tube and ij washing tubes 12d. Fower halffe barrells, and iiij ferkens 5s. A sey, a bushell, a peke and half a peke 14d. Summa totalis 60*l.* 5s. 8d. ✠

XI. INVENTARIUM JACOBI FORREST.*

May 3, 1581. *In the hall.* A table, ij fourms, iij stools, ij chayrs, and v cushions 10s. A cupbord 30s. xj pewter dishes, iiij sawcers, v candlesticks, ij salts, a choppinge knyfe, reckon crooke and tongs 10s. *In the chamber by the hall.* Two bedsteads, ij mattresses, ij coverlets, ij happings, ij bolsters, and ij cods 24s. ij chests 3s. 4d. A maskfatte, a gimlett, ij standes, ij litle skeels, and ij bed poles 6s. 8d. A cawdron, iij pans, a brasse pot, a ladle, a fryinge pane and a cresset 16s. *In the chamber beside the entrye.* A table, one fourme, and a standinge bed 20s. A par of claricords 5s. ij paynted clothes 3s. A trindle bed, ij bords, and a forme 6s. iiij par of shetes, ij of lin and ij of harden, vi codwares, a table cloth and a towell 30s. The lease of his house 20s. His apparell 26s. 8d. Summa totalis 10*l.* 10s. 8d. *Debts which he oweth.* To Mr. Brickwell 13s. 4d. To Francis Oswold 4s. 2d. To Widow Nesham 8s. To Eddy Colsone 2s. To Christofer Wethrell 2s. 6d. Summa 30s. *Debts owinge to him.* Robert Bransone 9s. 7d. John Darntone 8s. Peter Stansby 5s. 6d. William Husdens and

* The testator was parish clerk of Darlington. He desires to be buried in the "parioche churche neere to the stalles next unto the quire doore." He asks the churchwardens and twenty-four of the town, to be so good unto his wife Catherine as to grant her some benefit of his office, for the space of one year after his decease, towards her relief and the bringing up of his children.

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others 3s. 4d. Robert Cowper 2s. John Smith, of Cockerton, and others 5s. Edward Hodshone 10s. Francis Bucke 29s. 8d. John Ward 4d. Christofer Wethrell 12d. John Pape 8d. John Nicholsone 16d. John Hudsone 6d. John Bransone, of Blackwell, 12d. William Glover 12d. Richard Swanstone 10d. Thomas Clerke 2s. Stephen Chamber 2s. Georg Hirst, of Blackwell, 12d. John Jonsone, the yonger, 16d. Thomas Rawden 12d. John Dobsone 12d. Roger and Richard Morley 8d. William Sowthron 8d. Francis Oswold 5s. 4d. Christofer Foster 6d. Francis Foster 6d. Christofer Farltone 12d. Summa 4*l*. 13s. 10d. ✠

XII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI BLENKINSOPP.

Apr. 6, 1581. Wylliam Blenkinssopp,* of Blenkinssop Castell, of the parishe of Hawtewissel. I wyll and bequieth my sonnes Thomas, Nicholes and Rychard Blenkinsopp to the custody of Mr. Nicholes Rydley, of Wyllemosteswicke, and of my two douthers Janne and Anne Blenkinsopp. I make my two sonnes Nicholes and Rychard Blenkinsop, and my two douthers Jane and Anne Blenkinsop, my executors. I gyve and bequeth to my sonne Thomas Blenkinsopp my gray horse. To my sonne Nicholes Blenkinsopp a gray mayer, called alle. To my sonne Rychard Blenkinsopp a yonge greseld mayer, called yonge goodde. 1580. Witnesses Robert Blenkinssopp, Steven Warryke, John Sewell, Anne Walles. [Pr. June 10, 1581.]

Inv. Thre father bedes of huswifes makin, iij bowsters and iij godes 30s. iij pare of blankedes 15s. iij coverletes and iij happnges 20s. iiij matters 18s. iiij pare of blankeds 8s. iiij coverlites 13s. 4d. vij pare of harding shetes 16s. ix lining shetes 22s. A dieper bourdclot and one napking of the same 4s. A bourdclot, and two napkinges 16d. An awmere and a lytell cobart 8s. A morter and a peestell 4s. x pece of puther vessell, and iij saltes 8s. iiij candelstyckes 8s. One puder dishe 8d. iiij lytell cettilles, and a pane 20s. iij spetes, and a pare of

* Son of Thomas Blenkinsop and his wife Dorothy, daughter of Alexander Featherstonhaugh, of Featherstonhaugh, co. Northumberland, and the head of one of the oldest houses in that county. This will gives us a very good idea of the low social standing of the Northumbrian gentry of that period. They seem to have occupied a position inferior to the gentry of most other counties, in fact, one little better than that of the tenant farmers of their own day. Their household arrangements were of the most meagre kind, and they appear to have possessed but few of the very limited comforts of the sixteenth century.

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raxes 9s. Two litell potes 6s. 8d. One dripping pane 18d. iiij standinge bedes 20s. A feelte hat 4s. iij chistes 8s. Two chistes 6s. ij chistes 5s. All wood vessell about the housse 8s. In grotes and haver mele 10s. xxvj oolde neathe, at 18s. a pece, 23*l.* 8s. xj younge neate, at 12s. a pece, 6*l.* 12s. ix strukes, at 6s. a pece, 54s. vj frest neathe, at 8s. a peace, 48s. Two frest neate, at 6s. a pece, 12s. xiiij yowes and lambes, at 4s. a pece, 56s. Gelded sheppe, in nomber xxxiiij, at 2s. 6d. a pece, 5*l.* 10s. xij busheles of bigge 36s. In malte v boules, at 6s. a boule, 30s. Two lode of rye 20s. x busheles of bigge, at 3s. a bushell, 30s. Two nagges 24s. One nage 5s. In whethe x busheles 51s. x swyne, at 3s. a pece, 30s. v speres 6s. 8d. xij akers of vintter corne, at 5s. an aker, 3*l.* xiij akers of haver, at 3s. an aker, 39s. Summa totalis 74*l.* 8s. 2d. *Debtes owne to me.* By Mr. Nicholes Rydley and Robert Blenkinsopp, of an obligation, 10*l.* *Debtes which he owght.* To Ambros Stronge 20s. To Edward Warryk 17s. 4d. To John Smight 16d. To Wylliam Nobell, his servannt, 5s. To Robert Armestronge 12d. To William Rydlye, the marcer, 17s. The names of the prassers, James Rydlye, Edward Warwike, Bartell Bell, Edwerd Rey. ✠

XIII. TESTAMENTUM CHRISTOFERI MYTFORD.

Oct. 21, 1577. Christofer Mytford,* of the towne of Newcastell upon Tyne, marchante and alderman. My bodie to be buryed within the parishe churche of St. Nicholas, under my father Mitforde's stone. To the vicar, for forgotten tithes, 3s. 4d. To my sonne Henrie Mitforde,† for his filiell portion, 40*l.*, over and besides 10*l.*, that his grandfather Anderson did give him at his deathe. Also I give unto him all my landes &c., lyinge in Heaton, Tynemouthe and Denam, in the countie of Northumberland, with all my landes &c., within the town and liberties of the countie of Newcastell upon Tyne, and to the heirs of his bodie. And, failing suche, to my sonne Robert,‡ then to my

* A member of a branch of the ancient family of Mitford, which, for some generations, gave to Newcastle many of its leading merchants. The testator, who was sheriff 1556, and mayor 1569, was the son of Christopher Mitford, merchant and alderman. He married Jane daughter of Henry Anderson, mayor of Newcastle 1531, 1539, 1542, 1546, by his wife Anne Orde.

† Another merchant; sheriff 1582, mayor 1584. He married Barbara, daughter of James Carr, merchant, whose will is given in this volume.

‡ Administration of his goods, then of the parish of St. Nicholas, Newcastle, was granted, December 16, 1592, to his mother Jane. His children Christopher, Henry, Anderson and Jane, were then minors.

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daughter Alice Craster.* To my sonne Henrie my hole lease &c., in the coole myndes and pittes in Kynton, whiche lease I took of Robert Fenwicke. To my sonne Robert 100*l.*, over and besides 10*l.* his grandfather Anderson gave him. Also I give unto him my lease &c., that I have of the Quenes coole mynes in Elswicke feildes. To my wife Jane† my lease &c., that I have of my cosing Robert Mitfordes landes in Heaton, during hir life, and after to go to my sonne Henrie, also I give unto my wife my parte of the lease of the salte pannes, that I bought of Michael Mylburne, and after hir death to go to my sonne Robert. To Edmunde Craster and Alice his wife, my daughter, 20*l.* To Jane,‡ daughter of the said Edmunde Craster and Alice, his wife, 10*l.* To Jane Mitforde, daughter to my sonne

* The wife of Edmund Craster, of Craster, co. Northumberland, gent. His will was proved July 17, 1595. He mentions his wife Alice, and children Edmund, Thomas, Grace, Eleanor, Isabella, Barbara and Catherine.

His widow's will is dated September 23, 1597, pr. March 6, 1599-1600. She is described as of Dunstanbrough, in the parish of Embleton. "To my sonne John Craister one ryall. To my sonnes Edmond and Thomas 20*l.* a pece. To my daughters Barbara and Ellen Craister 33*l.* 13s. 4d. a pece. To my daughter Jane Anderson 20*l.*, and to my daughter Margarett Colingwood 20*l.* To my daughter Grace Armorer 40*l.* To my daughter Isabell Ogle 20*l.* To my mother one ryall. To my sonne-in-law Henry Collingwood one silver salte, with sixe silver spoones. To my daughter Isabell Ogle xx marks, to buy hir a gowne, petticote and forekirtle, which I did promise hir. To the poore 10*l.* My son-in-lawe Henry Colingwood executor and Mr. Richard Grene and James Wilson supervisors."

† His wife outlived him for some years. Her will is dated October 16, 1606, and pr. May 4, 1608. She desires to be buried in the grave of her late husband. She gives to the poore of the towne 10*l.* 6s. 8d. To the repairs of St. Nicholas church 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Robert, son of her son Henry Mitforde, deceased, 50*l.*, to Roger, Henry, Edmund, and Thomas, his brothers, 30*l.* a peice, to be paid them at the age of twenty one. To Agnes Barker, daughter to the said Henry, and to Alice Sharpe, Barbara Mylborne, and Elizabeth and Mary Mitford, her sisters, 50*l.* a peice, to be paid them at the age of twenty one, or at their marriage. To Christopher, son to her son Robert, deceased, 120*l.*, also a moiety of her moiety of the tithe corn of the rectory of Newcastle, he paying yearly to his brother Anderson Mitford 20*l.*, and to her neice Alice Dent 20s. a year. To Henry, son of her son Robert, 200*l.* and the other moiety of the tithe of the rectory aforesaid, he also paying to Alice Dent 20s. a year. To the said Christopher and Henry the lease of the coal mines of Elswik. To Anderson Mitforde aforesaid 240*l.* To Jane Clerkson, daughter of her son Robert, 40*l.* To John Craister, son of her daughter Alice, deceased, 20*l.* To Edmond and Thomas Craister, his brothers, 20*l.* a peice. To the children of Jané Anderson, deceased, daughter of Alice Craster, 16*l.* To Margaret, wife of Henry Collingwood, and to Isabel, wife of Luke Ogle, 20*l.* a peice. To Barbara, wife of Cuthbert Bewick, 20*l.* To Grace, wife of William Armorer, 20*l.* To Eleanor Craster 20*l.* To her cosin Mr. Henry Chapman 3*l.* 6s. 8d., and to her cosin William Jackson, town-clerk, an old angel. To George Still 10*l.*, and to her neice Emmet, his sister, an old angel. To her cosin Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Miller, 6s. John Craster and Christopher Mitford, her son Robert's son, executors, and her cosins, Henry Chapman, alderman, and George Still, supervisors. Her goods amounted to 1839*l.* 7s. 3d.

‡ She married Bertram Anderson, son of Bertram Anderson, mayor, and M.P. for Newcastle 1554, 1557, 1563.

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Henrie, 10*l.* To Christofer and Henrie, my sonne Henrie sonnes, one angel a peece. To everie one of my daughters Craster children 10s. a peece. To Jane Mitford, daughter of my sonne Robert, 10*l.*, and to Christofer, her brother, one angell. To Agnes Mitforde, my sonne Henrie, daughter, one angell. To my sister Margaret Brandlinge's three children three angells amongest them. To my sister Orde's two children two angells. To my cosinge Henrie Anderson and to his good wife two old angells, for a poore token of my good will. To my sister Marian Chapman an old angell noble. To my daughter Barbarie, wif to my sonne Henrie, one angell noble. To Ellinor, wife to my sonne Robert, one angell noble. To my cosinge Robert Mitforde, of Sighell, one old angell. To the children of my servant Edwarde Bell, deceased, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my brother-in-lawe Henrie Anderson one angell. To my godsonne Abraham Anderson one angell. To Margerie Wigham 20s. To everie servant, bothe man and woman, that dwellethe with me, now beinge of my household, 5s. a peece. To my cosinge Oswold Mitforde, of Riall, one old angell. To my faithfull freind George Styll fower angell nobles. The rest of all my goodes &c., to my sonne Robert, whom I make executer of my will, and havinge the possession thereof, to deale with his brother, with advise of his freindes, as he shall thinke goode, and most to the honor of the Almightie Lord God. I make my trustie and welbeloved cosine Mr. Henrie Anderson, alderman, Edmund Craster, Henrie Mytforde and George Stell supervisers. [Pr. July 5, 1581.]

XIV. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI OGLE.

Jan. 2, 1580. Henrye Ogle,* of Kirkelawe, in the parishe of Pontiland, gentleman. My bodie to be buryed in the parishe churche of Ponteland. I geve to my sone Marke Ogle all my interest in the water corne mylne and farmehold in Kirklawe, in my occupacion, trustinge that my singular good lord and master William Lord Ewrye will stand and be good lord unto my wyffe and children, as heretofore he hath bene unto me. To my said sone Marke 40*l.* To my sone Luke Ogle a tenement or farmeholde in Newhame, duringe the terme of yeres my sone Marke hathe in the same. Allso I geve unto the said Luke

* A member of a numerous clan at Kirkley and Saltwick. It is almost impossible to construct a satisfactory pedigree of this family. This will, and the notes appended to it, will give occupation and interest to any one, who wishes to disentangle the ravelled skein of the genealogy of the Ogles.

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20*l.* To my sone Roberte Ogle a tenemente in Newham, in the occupacion of my sone Marke, allso I geve unto him xx markes. To my wyffe Margaret Ogle* my right &c., in two tenementes in Caldcoots, in the countie of Northumberland. To Cuthbert Ogle, of Eadington, one cowe and iij yowes. To my sone Roberte Ogle my browne horse. To my godsone Henry Ogle,† of Saltiche, a browne fillye. To my brother Jesper Ogle a cowe. To Alice Ogle a young cow. To Dorathe Ogle, of Edington, iij yowe hogges. All the reste of my goodes &c., I geve to my wyffe Margaret Ogle and Marke, my sonne, whom I maik executores, and they to have the custodye of my foure yongeste sonnes, Lancelote,‡ Henrye, Myghell and Cuthbert Ogle, duringe there mynorities. I geve my sonne Myghell Ogle to my brother Cuthbert Forster, and he to have the rule of him. I make my loving cozens and frendes James Ogle, of Cawsaye, esquier, Clement Ogle, of Southe Dissington, gent., Olyver Ogle, of Burroden, gent, and my brother Cuthbert Forster,§ supervisors. [Pr. Aug. 2, 1581.]

* His widow's will was proved December 10, 1588. She is described as of Kirkley, and desires to be buried in the chancel of Ponteland Church. "To my son Cuthbert, in payment of his filial portion of his late father's goods, all the right &c., I have in the half of one farm in Newham, four oxen, and all the wheat and oats, sown and unsown, with all the implements of husbandry, all the wheat sown on the farm at Calcotes, one mare of color grey, one branded cut oxe, and two kye, one black and one branded. My son Lancelot to pay 8*l.* to his brother Cuthbert, and on his paying it, I forgive him all he owes me. To my nephew Mark Ogle, my son's son, a great brass pot, and a brown stott. To my neice Mary Ogle, daughter of my son Mark, a brown hawked why in Newham. To my son Mark a feather bed, an almery, and such furniture as is in his dwelling house. To Jane, sister of the said Mary, one white sided why. To Cuthbert Ogle, of Edington, a brown why. To my son Robert Ogle a black rigged oxe, one brown oxe, and two cows. To my son Henry Ogle a brass pot, a black tagged cow, a black mugged cow, a black bull stirk and 40s. To my brother Cuthbert Forster a black rigged oxe and one branded oxe. To my son Michael Ogle a brown bull stott and two cows, a brass pot, a caldron now in East Brunton, and 3*l.*, out of the debt which Clement Ogle oweth me. The rest to my sons Michael and Cuthbert, they executors. My son Mark to have the tuition of Cuthbert, and Cuthbert Forster to have the tuition of Michael. To Robert Ogle a silver spoon, and to Michael Ogle another." The amount of her inventory is 54*l.* 5s. 6d.

† His father John Ogle, of Saltwick, in his will, proved October 11, 1581, mentions his daughter Alison Ogle, and his brother's daughter Dorothy Ogle. To Henry Ogle, the younger, his son, his farmhold in Kirkley, which he has of Lord Eure. His wife Mary and son Cuthbert executors. Henry Ogle, of Kirkley, and Cuthbert Forster, supervisors.

‡ Lancelot Ogle, of Berwick on the hill, par. Ponteland, in his will, dated April 1, 1588, leaves his farm at Berwick to his wife Jane, then pregnant, with remainder to his brother Henry. He makes bequests to his brothers Mark, Cuthbert, Robert and Michael Ogle. The expected child proved a daughter, and was christened Juliana.

§ See his will printed in this volume.

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XV. TESTAMENTUM GAWINI CLAVERING.

Nov. 19, 1580. Gawine Claveringe,* of Callaly, in the parishe of Whittingham, gentleman. To be buryed in the parishe churche of Whittingham. To Robert Claveringe, the elder, esquier, three angells. To my mistresse, his wiffe, one old angell. To Robert Claveringe, the younger, an old riall. To James Ogle, of Cawsey Parke, one old angell of gold. To Thomas Bradforth, of Bradforth, the elder, one old angell of gold, and the same to Thomas Bradforth, the younger. To Elizabeth Foster, of Bruntone, one old angell of gold. To John, sonne of James Ogle, of Cassey Parke, two angells of gold, the same to George, Cuthbert, Robert and Charles, his brothers, and Jane and Agnes, his sisters. To William, sonne to Mr. Robert Claveringe, 3*l.*, and to Thomas his brother 40s. To Dorathee, daughter of the said Mr. Robert Claveringe, and to Margarett and Mabell, her sisters, to everie of them 40s. To Thomas Selbye, of Bittelston, one angell of gold, and the same to Beill, his wife. To Robert Selbye, his sonne, 20s., and to Agnes and Barbarye, his daughters, 5s. a pece. To Jane wife of Thomas Errington, of Haughton, one angell. To my cosinge Thomas Claveringe one gray meare, and one stott at Oldakeris, and all the stottes at Bittelston and Duddaye. To the servantes of the house of Callaly 3s. 4d. To William Clavering, of Oldakeris, and his wife, all the right &c., which I have in my lease of Wynnynshall, in Biwelle lordshippe, except they provide themselves a better lease, at the expiracion of the lease of Oldakeris. To Raphe Claveringe one old angell, to be paied him at the laste paiement of his farme. To Edmon, sonne to the said Raphe Claveringe, 5s. To the poore 20s. To the churche of Whittinghame so muche as will bye a cloth of green for the table in the queare. I make John, James and Cuthbert Claveringe executors. [Pr. Aug. 4, 1581.]

XVI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS FENWIK.

Oct. 10, 1580. John Fenwik,† of Wyallker, in the county of Northumberland, gentellman. My bodye to be buryed wythin

* A member of the house of Callaley, who appears to have farmed under the head of his house, at Duddoe, and perhaps at Callaley. The numerous legatees under his will were all relations of the family of Clavering.

† Son of John Fenwick, of Wallington, esq., by Joan, daughter of John Clavering, of Callaley, esq. He married Isabel daughter of George Heron, of Chipchase, esq.

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my parish churche of Mekyll Benton. To the upholldyng of my parishe churche 5s. To Isabell, my wyf, my leas of Wyallker, also my leas of the teendys in the parishes of Allenton, the Halyston and Corsensid, also my leas of on watter corn mylln, called Bedlynton myll, and on lytell cloas adjoynyng, my fynes, which I bowght of Mathew Crathorn and John Tomson, at Ewden head, in the Bysshopbrig of Durham, and my intake, which I had of John Dawson, lying in Hyndleyburn, within Bywell lordship. To my brother-in-law John Heron, of Chipches, my best hors. To Wylliam Fenwyke,* of Bytchfelld, gentellman, ij draught oxen, which he hathe of myn. To Rauf Boutflour, of Apperley, iij draught oxen, which he hath of mine, and to his eldest sonne, Georg Boutflour, xx shep hogges. To Roger Wotheryngton's wyf, of Lytell Swynburn, xx yows. To Marmaduk Fenwyk, of Kyrkharll, a stot of thre yeares oalld, and to Roger Fenwyk, of Kyrkharll, a stot of thre yeares oald. To Henry Wotheryngton, sonn to Oswalld Wotherington, a kow of iiij yeares ould. To Thomas Boutflour a stot of iij years ould, and to Annes Boutflour two ky and x lammes. To Georg Carnabe, of Portgat, ij drawght oxen, which he hath of myne. To Georg Fenwyk, of Bedlyngton, a stot. To Antony Fenwik, of Seton Delavell, a stot. To Robert Fenwyk, my servant, a stot. The rest of my goodes &c., to Isabell, my wyfe, whom I make executrix. Witnesses, Thomas Heron, of Newcastell, marchant, Lancelot Thirlwall, of Thirllwall, gentellman, Robert Thirllwall, John Kyllyngworth, vycar of Mekyll Benton. [Pr. Aug. 14, 1581.]

Inv. August 9, 1581. A stond horse 5*l.* Two stagges 8*l.* One mear and her foall 40s. One brown hors 4*l.* 6s. 8d. vj wark nages 4*l.* 13s. 4d. A laym mear and her foall 13s. 4d. xxx key and thayr calves 32*l.* iij bulles 53s. 4d. iiij hag oxen 4*l.* One ox 10s. vj year-old styrkes 40s. iij stottes, fower yeares old, 4*l.* xiij stottes, three yeares old, 11*l.* 14s. vj stottes, of two yeares old, 4*l.* xx oxen 4*l.* 13s. 4d. ix rigald shep 24s. xxvj yous 3*l.* 18s. viij swyn 40s. A boar 4s. v swyne shoates 10s. A sillver salt and viij sillver spownes 50s. lx goates 6*l.* Funerall expenses 4*l.* Some totailles 291*l.* 6s. 2d. Deytes 155*l.* 5s. 11d.

XVII. TESTAMENTUM ANTONII MIDDLETON.

Dec. 8, 1575. Antony Myddleton,‡ of Newton, in the

* Son of Roger Fenwick, of Bichfield, by Ursula, daughter of Sir John Heron, of Chipchase, knight. He was first cousin of the testator.

† Son of John Middleton of Barnard Castle, gentleman, and his wife Eliza-

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countye of Dureham, gentilman, being hoole in bodye and mynde, and of perfyte remembrance, lawde and prayse be unto Almightye God, consydering the certentye of deathe, and the uncertentye of the tyme and houre of deathe, do ordeyne and make this my present testament and last will, in maner and forme folowing. First, I gyve and commende my soule to Almightye God, my Creator and Redemer, besyching Hym to grant, that I may be partaker of the everlasting kyngdom, purchasyd by the merytes and passyon of His sone Jhesus Christ, oure Savyoure. My bodye to be buryed in the paryshe churche of St. Margaretes in Dureham, yf God shall call me to his marcye within the busshopricke of Dureham. I gyve to be dystrybute to the pewrest peple inhabyting within the paryshe of St. Margaretts 10s. To the poure peple in the towne of Barnarde Castle 10s. To the poure peple in the paryshe of St. Gyles in Dureham 10s., in the paryshe of St. Nycholas in Dureham 10s., in the paryshe of Dalton 6s. 8d., and in the paryshe of St. Oswoldes in Dureham 6s. 8d. To thre of my brother Ambros Myddleton children, and yonger sonnes, namyd John, Henry and Richarde, to every one of them 10s. To George Myddelton, sonne unto Cuthberte Myddleton, my layt sone, decessyd, one annuytye of 8*l.* 2s., of my landes in Seaton, unto suche tyme as he shall accomplyshe and come to the full age of xxi yeres, for the better mayntenance or keping of the said George at scoole, or at inne of court. To lyttle John Myddleton, my basterde sonne, and to my bayse begotten doughter Jane Myddleton, syster unto the said John, ayther of theme 10*l.*, and I will that my doughter Franncysse Myddleton shall have the tuyssyon and government of the said Jane, and of the said 10*l.*, untill she come to full age, or be maryed. To the said George Myddleton, aldeste sone to the said Cuthbert Myddleton, decessyd, one crosse of golde, my best brutche, and one golde ringe with a grene stone. To William Myddleton, his brother, one golde ringe, and one ryall. To lyttle Francys Myddylton, there syster, one golde ringe, and one ryall. To my doughter Francys Myddleton c markes, in full satisfaction of hir porcyon, and not otherwyse. The resydewe of my goodes &c., to my sone Thomas Myddleton, whome I make my full and soole executor. My welbelovyd frende George Tonge, my two nephes, Thomas Myddleton and Antony Myddleton, his brother,

beth, daughter of Richard Baynbrigg, of Snotterton, co. Durham, gentleman, and uncle of Thomas Middleton, of Barnard Castle and Skirwith, esq., whose will occurs on the next page. He was appointed receiver of Kepyer Hospital, under the Crown, in 1547, and was steward of the Manor of Gilesgate, Durham, under John Heath, esq. He was ancestor of the family of Seaton, co. Durham, which entered a pedigree at St. George's visitation in 1615.

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and my welbeloved frende Christophor Chaytor, I make supervysors, and for there paynes, I gyve to every one of my said supervysors one olde ryall in golde. [Pr. Oct. 7, 1581.]

XVIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ MIDDLETON DE BERNARD CASTLE.

Sep. 8, 1580. Thomas Middleton,* of Skirwith, in the countie of Cumberland, esquyer. My bodie to be buried in Christian buriall, where it shall please God to call the same, with all maner

* A member of an old Cumberland family, which settled in the county of Durham. The testator was the eldest son of Ambrose Middleton, of Skirwith, co. Cumberland, and Barnard Castle, co. Durham, esq., and his wife Cecily, daughter and coheir of Anthony Crakenthorpe, of Holgill, co. Cumberland, esq. His father in his will, dated Aug. 4, 1555, desires burial in the church of Kyrkland, if he die within twenty miles thereof, "if near Barnard Castle, then in the church or chapell there, emong my poore auncestors, or ellis in Christen buriall where it shall happen the body to dye, with the oblacions &c., and suche divine service to be songe or said, as shall appertaine to th'order and custume of the churche and Christen buriall. I will there be distributed in the parishe or congregation of the said churche of Barnard Castle, and in the parishe of Kyrklande, in either 40s., and at the yeres end, in the weke byfore Easter, so moche and so yerly, duringe thre yeres next after my decease, after the rate to the poore, aged, crased or impotent people 4d. or 6d. a pece, and to poore, crased or impotent children 2d. or 1d. a pece. To the amendinge of the highewaye or tram, frome the weste ende of Bridgegait, in Barnard Castle, 20s. To the amending of the rofe of the churche, next to the quere end, 20s." He leaves half his lands to his wife for life, and after her death to go to his son Thomas, to whom he leaves the other moiety. He mentions his son Richard, then a minor, and requires his son Thomas "to be good, naturall and favourable to his said mother and brethren as apperteanithe." Supervisors, his trusty and wellbeloved friends, Thomas Sandefurthe, of Ascoyn, esq., and Anthony Middleton, of Kepyer, gentleman.

His mother Cecily's will was proved May 7, 1580. Then of Barnard Castle, "very sore crazed and weak in bodye, and yet hole and in health in my remembrance, callinge to mynde the uncertayne state of this transitorye life, and that it is most certayne that everye bodie is borne to dye, and the great uncertayntye of the tyme. To be buried in the churche of Barnard Castle, in the buriall place, wher the bodye of my derely beloved husband Ambrose Middelton was inhumated. To every of my son Thomas his children, not married at my death, 10s., and to every of my daughter Hutton's children, not married, 10s. To Henry, son of my son Thomas, 13*l.* 6s. 8d., and my fermehold at Sowerbye. My best goods at Barnard Castle to be devided among my son Henry's children. To dame Blaikelocke 10s. To Bartel Frobisher a quie or 20s. To my son Richard 13*l.* 6s. 8d. To Cicily, daughter of my son Henry, 10*l.*, and to every one of my son John's children 10s. To my son Ralph's base begotten daughter, commonly called Jane Middelton, 10*l.* To my son Thomas all my part of the plate, which was my husband his father's, that is to say, a goblet with a cover, a silver cupp with a cover, a salte with a cover, half a dosen of spones with the maden heades, and all my cupbordes, chistes, almeries, household stuffe, implementes and leades, and all other thinges now remaninge at my house at Skirwith. To my sonne Anthonye one silver peace, and to my sonne Henry my sixe best sponnes, and to my sonne John my silver salte."

The testator, Thomas Middleton, married, first, Margaret, daughter of Richard Bowes, of Aske, esq., and secondly, Elizabeth daughter and coheir of James Martindale, of Newton in Allerdale, co. Cumberland, esq.

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of dewties as lawe shall permit. Also I will that my wife shall have a full thirde of all my goods and cattells, and to have the occupation of my ferme of Owton, so long as she continueth wedowe and unmarried, yeldinge and painge yerelye one hundreth markes to the performance of this my will, and the payment of the summes to my daughters, if God send me not a sonne. And if she doe marie, then I will that the whole profitts thereof shall come to my four daughters, for there better preferments, till, with that and others, the said summes be paid as is hereafter expressed and sett downe. To my daughter, Grace Middleton,* 200*l.*, over and besides hir full portion of my goods, at the time of my death, and as is aforesaid, in consideration of suche summes as I toke for hir part of land, that I sould, being hir inheritance, in Langrige and Mealerigg. Also I will, that if it shall please God to send me a sonne, then I geve unto him all my household stuffe, all my draughts of oxen, with all implements thereto belonginge, and all my plaite, and that everye of my four daughters shall have, for there preferments in mariage, 300*l.*, to be takinge of the profitts of all my fermings, landes and goods, as is hereafter expressed. That is to saye, I will that two parts of all my landes in Barnard Castell be takinge to the performance of this my last will, and my wif to have the third part, during the minoritie of my sonne, if God send me one. Also I will, that all my landes in Skirwith be devided into three partes, that is to saye, one parte in right of wardshipe, and one parte to my wif, and the third part to go to the performance of this my will, and all my landes in Milburne, in the countie of Westmerland, during the minoritie of my sonne, if God send me anye. To my servants, everie of them one holl yeres waige, over and above that is dewe unto them, at the tyme of my death, and meat and drinke for one halfe yeare, if they will tarie. To everie of my daughter Hutton's† four children 4*l.* The rest of my goodes &c., to my sonne, if God send me one, whom I make my holl executor. And if God send me not a sonne, then I will that my wif and daughters, Grace, Elizabethe,‡ Ann and Katheren, shall be my whole executrices. And if it shall please God to send me another daughter, then I will, that she shall be in like estate as th'others be, and shall have like portion as hir three sisters have. My welbeloved and good nephews Mr. William Bowes, Mr. John Conyers, and Mr.

* She married George Hussey, esq.

† His daughter Barbara, the wife of Thomas Hutton, of Hutton in the Forest, co. Cumberland, esq.

‡ She afterwards married Robert Robson, of Little Chilton, gentleman, undersheriff of the county of Durham.

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Christofer Wandesworthe to be supervisors of this my last will and testament, and they to see this my last will performed, of my goodes, landes, leases and cattells, and to call yerelie for a counte of the profitts of the same, and to see it bestowed, according to the true meaninge hereof, as my said daughters shall happen to be preferred, and everie of them to have for there paines 40s. [Pr. Nov. 11, 1581.]

XIX. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI HYLTON.

Sep. 19, 1581. Robert Hylton,* of Butterweyk, in the countye of Durham, jentylman. My body to be buryed within the parishe churche of Sedgefeld. To Sir William Hylton, my brother, my best gowne and on angell. To Rayfe Hylton, my brother, 20*l.*, and two suyts of apparell, of the best that I have, viz., two dubletts, twoo payr of brytches, and two payr of stockings. To every on of my four systers, viz., Elizabethe Thirkelt,† Dorytye Connstable,‡ Elliner Horsleye,§ and Margerye Vaviser,‖ on angell. To my cosing Margrett Blaixton¶ all the implements that is in my chamber whatsoever, exceptyd my apparell belonginge to my bodye, and my best payr of virginalls, which virginalls I gev to Ane Blaixton,** hir doughter. To my cosing Aills Eland†† 20s., and to Ane Eland, hir doughter, one shyrte, a payre of shewes and 2s. I geve to Sussan Baynbirg half a crowne of gould, and to every servant about the howse at Butterwyke, boith men and mayds, 12s. To the poure 7*l.*, wherof 3*l.* shalbe distributyd amonngst the poure of Sedgefeld parishe, and 40s. amonghst the poure of Washington parishe, where I was borne, and 40s. to Monke Warmouthe parishe. To Robert Wilkingson, layte my servant, 10s. To Robert Rutter, my man, on dublett, and a payr of britches, and his hole yeares wages. [I geve to Mr. Anthonye Welburye an

* Son of William Hilton, of Hilton and Biddick, co. Durham, esq., and his wife Margaret, daughter of Sir James Metcalfe, of Nappa, co. York, knight.

† Wife of Marmaduke Thirkeld, of Esthorpe, co. York, and Pensher, co. Durham, esq.

‡ Wife of Michael Constable, of North Biddick, co. Durham, esq.

§ Wife of John Horsley, of Horsley, co. Northumberland, esq.

‖ Wife of Richard Vavasour.

¶ Daughter of Richard Hebborne, of Hardwick, co. Durham, esq., by Ann his wife, daughter of Sir James Metcalfe, of Nappa, knight, and wife of Humphrey Blakiston, of Fulthorpe, esq., son of Thomas Blakiston, of Blakiston, co. Durham, esq.

** Daughter of Humphrey Blakiston, esq., and afterwards wife of Gerard Salvin, of Croxdale, co. Durham, esq.

†† Alice daughter of Richard Hebborne, esq., and wife of Anthony Eland, gentleman.

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angell, and to Robert Farrowe an angell.]* My will is, that whereas my cheaf substance is in money, and the sayme now lent out of my hand, that my executor shall not be charged wythe the payment of any of thesse legaces, before bequithed, but at his owne diskrecion, unto such tyme, as he can or may gett my nowne money to pay them wyth. The residew of my goodes &c., to my welbeloved cosing Humfrey Blaixton, of Butterwyke, whom I mayke sole executor. Witnesses, Anthony Welbeyrye and Robert Farrowe. [Pr. Oct. 27, 1581.]

Inv. Oct. 1, 1581. His horses 40*l.* His saddles, brydles and all other implements, belonging to his horses, 40s. All the implements in his chamber, excepted his apparell, 8*l.* His apparell belonginge to his bodye 30*l.* Summa 80*l.* Debts, wherof somme be dessperate, 29*l.* 3s. 6d. Summa totalis 109*l.* 3s. 6d. ✠

XX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BARNES.

Oct. 12, 1581. John Barnes, of the towne of Newcastell upon Tyne, waite and minstrell. To be buried in St. Nicholas churche-yearde. To myne apprintisse, Nicholas Fletcher, all my instrumentes, unlesse my felowe William Bennett will take and enjoye them, payinge unto my saide apprintisse for them 13s. 4d. To my maid servante, over and above hir waiges, 3s. 4d. The rest to Agnes Twigbirde, so that she have a just consideracion of hir daughter Jennett Storie, to see hir somewhat recompenced for suche thinges of hirs, as I sometyme did expende. Witnesses, William Bennett, waite, Mr. Walters, chirurgion. [Pr. Oct. 31, 1581.]

XXI. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ GAILE.

Thomas Gaile,† of Greatham, craysed and sicke in bodie. My bodie to be buried in my parishe churche of Greatham, as neere unto my wife as conveniently maye be. And I will that my executors shall honestlie bringe me furth, according to my estate and calling, and that they bestowe a dinner of my honest

* The bequests enclosed in brackets are struck out, and in the margin is this memorandum, "This will was rased, before th'insealing herof, by the appoyntment of the testator, and in the presenc of the wytnesses herin named, Anthonye Wilberye and Robert Farrowe."

† Son of William Gale, of Scruton, co. York, gentleman, and Elizabeth Tennant. He married a daughter of William Johnson, of Stanley Byres, par. Chester, co. Durham. His brother Lancelot's will is printed in the Richmondshire Wills, p. 187.

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poore neighbors, according to their good discrecion. To Mistresse Dorothie Tempest,* 5*l.* To William, Robert and Edward Tempest, her sonnes, 40s. each. To Anne Tempest, her daughter, whom I christened, 6*l.* To Marie Tempest, her daughter, 40s. To Robert Tempest, my olde mistres sonne, 5*l.* To William Tempest, my olde mistres sonne, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To George Tempest, my old mistres sonne, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Mistres Anne Bellson, my olde mistres daughter, for a token, one olde anngell. To Thomas, Nicholas and Michaell Johnson,† every of them 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Katheren Johnson, my brother-in-law's wife, 10s. To Margaret Johnson, my brother-in-law's daughter, 10s. To Hewgh Farrey 10s. To Elizabeth his wife 20s. To Hewhe Farrey's children, to everie of them 10s. To Nicholas Hedlye 10s. To Mistres Cockson,‡ my olde mistres sister, 10s. To Marmaduke Peeres§ and his wife 40s. To Henrie Peeres, my sister's sonne, 40s., over and besides his bill of 40s. he oweth me, which I forgive him. To George and Anne Peeres, my sister's children, to everie of them 40s. To Christofer Peeres 20s. To the children of the said Christofer Peeres 40s. emongest them. To Ninyall Gaile, my brother, one cowe, price 23s. 4d. To his children, to be devided emongest them, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Richard Gaile, my brother, one whye of iiij yeres old, the price of 16s. 8d. To his children, to be devided emongst them, 40s. To William Gaile, my brother Launcelote's sonne, six ewes, price 28s. To Margret Gaile, my brother Launcelote's daughter, x ewes, price 33s. 4d. To Isabell Gaile, daughter unto my brother John Gaile, if she be livinge, x ewes, price 33s. 4d. To my sister Anne Foster's children, to be devided emongest them, 40s. To George Scruton and his wife, to either of them a ryall, and to his children, to be devided emongest them, 40s. To Thomas Parker, my sister's sonne, 40s. To his children, to devided emongest them, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Roger Gaile, my uncle's sonne, an olde anngell for a token. To Richard Pattinson two anngells. To Mistres Lee 10s. To William Gaile, of Newton, and his mother, of the money they owe me, 7*l.* To Roger Andrewe, my nephewe, all my intrest and tytle of my howse, called Parkers Howse, and the land belonginge to the

* Wife of Michael Tempest, eldest son of Robert Tempest, of Holmside, co. Durham, esq. Her maiden name was Dymoke. Her husband was attainted in 1570, with his father, for taking part in the Rebellion of the North.

† Children of the testator's brother-in-law, George Johnson, of Twisill, co. Durham, esq., and his wife Katherine, daughter of John Lambton, of Lambton, esq.

‡ Of Colpighill, par. Lanchester. In her will, dated June 28, 29 Eliz., she mentions her cousins George Tempest and Nicholas Hedlye; Henry son of William Coxson; her sons Robert and Charles Coxson.

§ Son of Thomas Peirse, of Bedale, co. York, gentleman.

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same. To Elizabeth Peirsin, my servante, over and besides her waiges, towardes her marrage, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Allyson Smyth, my servant, over and besides her wages, 2s. 6d. To John Richardson, my servant, 4s. To Roger Andrew aforesaid, over and besides his waiges, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Allen Punshon 40s. To Henry Brafferton 40s. To John Dickinson's daughter one whye, of thre yeres old, price 16s. 8d. I geve to my neighbors, those that takes paynes with me in watchinge, accordinge to the discrecion of my executors, 6s. 8d. To Maister William Hodgeson, for a token, two anngells. To John Marley, sonne of Peter Marley, all the interest of my fermholde, which I have in Greatham, to the hospitall belonginge. I make Mr. William Hodgeson, and Thomas Parker, my sister's sonne, supervisors. I give to the reparacions of my parishe churche 5s. To the mendinge of the highewaies aboute Greatham 3s. 4d. To the poore cottengers of Greatham 40s. To my nephew, Roger Andrewe aforesaid, more 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Peter Marley, of Gretham, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To John Marley, his sonne, 5*l.* To Katheren Gent, my sister's daughter, 10s., and to her eldest boye 10s. To my godchildren, whom I christened, viz., Thomas Hudson, Thomas Punchon, and Thomas Sparke, to everie of them one ewe and one lambe. The residewe &c., to my brother-in-lawe, George Johnson, of Twysell, and unto Nicholas Cockson, of Litle Pittington, whom I make my sole executors.

More bequythed, Oct. 17, 1581. To Ralph Skipton, Elizabeth his wife and her children, amongst them 20s. To Anthonie Taylor, sonne of George Taylor, and to Elizabeth Horseman, sister to the said Anthonie, 20s. To Suzan Robinson and her thre children 40s. To Nicholas Taylor's children 40s. To Annes Milner, my sister Parker's daughter's children, to everie of them 6s. 8d. To Henry Gaile's daughter, whom I christened, 10s., and to the other of his daughters 5s. To my cosinge Thomas Parker's wife an anngel. I give, more than I before bequythed, to my cosinge Thomas Parker and his children 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To the poore of Scruton 20s. More unto Henry Peeres 53s. 4d. To Mr. Claxton of Winyard, and his wife, 31s., which he oweth me. More to Richard Pattinson 46s. 8d. To Richard Hudson's wife of Gretham 5s. I give more unto John Marley all the wheat crope, that is sowen upon my farmhold, belonging to the hospitall of Greatham. I give more unto Roger Andrewe all my wheat crope, that is sowen upon my land, belonginge to my howse, called Parkers Howse. To John Parker and his wife 20s., and to his children 40s. To Roger Andrewe's thre brethren, viz., William, Peter and James, to every of them 6s. 8d. To my cosing Thomas Parker aforesaid the tuition and government

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of John Marley, sonne of Peter Marley, of Gretham, together with the lease of my fermhold in Gretham, belonging to the hospitall, and allso all other legacies which I have bequythed unto him, during the minoritie of the said John Marley. [Pr. Nov. 25, 1581.]

INV. Oct. 20, 1581. All his apparell 53s. 4d. In golde and silver 65*l.* *Belonging to the salte coate.* Sande and coales at the salt coate 5*l.* xxvij hives of salte 6s. 8d. xxiiij stone of leade 20s. Fower olde cartes, iij paire of wheles, and two gawte dores 20s.

William Manfeild, of Forsett, owes him for bigge 20s. William Gaile and his mother, of Newton, in Yorkshire, 14*l.* Francis Gaile, of Dighton, in lent monye 10s. Brian Headlam in lent monye 20s. Summa omnium bonorum 254*l.* 11s. 10d.

Funerall expenses 6*l.* 10s. 4d.

XXII. WILLYAM LEE* OF EASTE BRANDONE, GENTILLMAN.

INVENTORY. May 4, 1582. *In the chambre over the parloure.* All his apparell 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j standinge bedstead with a teister of wood, with yallowe vallannce, and courtens to the same 40s. One fether bedd with a bowlster 20s. j mattres 8s. ij pillowes 3s. 8d. j counterpointe of tapstrie worke 20s. ij coverlitts 10s. ij blanketts 2s. 6d. j liverey bedstead 3s. 4d. j counterpointe of tapestrie 10s. j fether bedd with a bowlster 20s. j mattres, j pillowe 16d. iiij coverletts 6s. ij blanketts 2s. 6d. j liverey cupboard 18d. j greine chaire, covered with greane velvet, 3s. 4d. j longe quisshinge of grene satten 3s. 4d. ij litle stoiles, covered with greane satten, 2s. j Flannders chiste 5s. The hingings of yallowe aboute the chambre 10s. j litle chimney with a fier shoule, a pore, and a paire of tongs 2s. 6d. At the staire head, j litle cubbord with iij old carpetts in yt 6s. 8d. *In the greane chaumbre.* j conterponte of tapstrie, j fether bedd, j bowlster 30s. . . . matteres 5s. . . . pillowes 2s. j liverye cubbord 2s. 6d. . . . aire table 3s. 4d. Longe table with a frame 10s. . . . tapestrie carpett for a table 13s. 4d. . . . tapestrie cub-

* This wealthy gentleman was steward to the Earl of Westmorland, and is mentioned in the will of Earl Henry, printed in this volume. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Lawson, of Usworth, co. Durham, esq., to whom adm. of his effects was granted May 23, 1582. He left four children, Wilfred, Margaret, Mary and Custantine, all minors. His sons died young, and his property ultimately went to his two daughters, Margaret, who married Bryan Bellasis, of Morton, esq., and Mary, who married Lancelot Hodgson, of Hebborne, co. Durham, esq. His widow re-married Charles Hedworth, son of Sir Ralph Hedworth, of Harraton, knight.

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bourd cloathe 2s. 6d. . . . erey bedstead 2s. 6d. . . . niepie of grene saye 6s. 8d. . . . coverlite 4s. 6d. . . . blanketts 2s. 8d. . . . pilowes 2s. 6d. . . . er bedd 16s. 8d. . . . bolster 3s. 4d. . . . es 8s. . . . erpointe of tapestrie 10s. . . . old tapestrie hangings 13s. 4d. Hangings of nedle worke 40s. Two chaires covered with nedle worke 2s. 6d. j grene satten chaire 6s. 8d. . . . one quishinge of grene sattene 2s. 6d. vj joyned stoilles 6s. j chiste covered with lether 6s. 8d. ij litle andirons, j pore, j paire of tonges, and a fier shole 3s. 4d. A great mapp 2s. 6d. iij pictures 3s. 4d. One crimsin sattin quisshin 5s. iiij coverletts 6s. *In the chaumbre over the hall.* Two standing bedsteads 6s. 8d. ij testers, the one of rede and yallowe with curtains, the oyther one olde of nedle worke, 3s. 4d. ij fether bedds with ij matts, ij bowlsters 33s. 4d. iiij coverlitts 6s. ij happings 2s. iiij blanketts, 4s. j olde presser 5s. j chiste and j trunke 6s. 8d. *In the perloore.* One windowe courteine with the iron 12d. j feilde bedsteade, covered with greane cloathe, 6s. 8d. j cubbourde 6s. 8d. j squaire borde 2s. 6d. j chist covered with lether 12d. j Flannders chiste 5s. j joined chaire 12d. j litle chaire covered with nedle worke, ij pertizanes, j forreste bill, j halbarte, j bill, j leede mall 7s. 8d. iij coverletts 10s. ij blanketts 6s. 8. j fether bedd 20s. j matteres 8s. j bowlster 6s. 8d. ij fustian pillowes 2s. 8d. j pece of tapstre for a carpett 2s. 6d. *In the hall.* One longe drawing table 20s. vj joined stoles 6s. ij fourmes 2s. ij livereye cubbordes 4s. j counter 2s. 6d. iij coits of plaite, videlicet, j covered with blacke, j covered with yallowe ledder, the thirde uncovered 33s. 4d. j previe cote 6s. 8d. ij stele cappes covered with blacke 6s. 8d. iiij murryons 4s. j hede pece for a great horsman 12d. iij grene carpetts, videlicet, ij longe and j shorte, 30s. vj tapstre quishinges 20s. ij speres 3s. 4d. Chesmen *(erased and a paire of tables interlined)* and a cheise borde 5s. j greate Flannders chiste 5s. ij joined chaires 4s. vj olde tapstrie quishings 6s. One communyone booke, and j bible 13s. 4d. j skreine 6d. j iron chimnye, j pore, j paire of tonges and j windowe courtaine with the iron 6s. *In the buttre.* One great cubbourd 20s. ij bings for breade 10s. j glase case 8d. viij beare barrells 8s. iij shelves 6d. v bottells, whereof iiij stone and j of glase, 12d. *In the maids chaumbre.* One standinge bedstead 2s. 6d. j fether bedd, j bowlster with a matt 10s. ij happins 2s. 6d. ij blanketts 2s. j cubborde bedsteade 2s. 6d. j table with tressells, with j firme 12d. ij Flannders chists 10s. ij shelves 6d. j paire of andirons 12d. *In the lofte over the stable.* Two standing bedsteads 2s. ij mattresses 10s. v happines 5s. iiij blankkets 5s. j flocke codde 8d. j bowlster 12d. *In the stable chaumbre.*

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In the chaumbre within the stable, one bedsteade, j mattres, j bollster, ij happins, j paire of blankketts 5s. 8d. *In the milke house.* Seven shelves 12d. xxvj milk bowlles 6s. 8d. ij kirnes 2s. ij greate milke canes 12d. ij standes 8d. j greate bowlle 8d. ij firkins 6d. ij buttre kitts 18d. . . . *In the kitchinge.* One greate chimnye of iron. . . . j greate rackes. . . . j pare of tongs, j fyre showlle . . . gallowes of iron with iij lose crokes 3*l*. . . . iiij paire of poteclipps . . . j pare of broiling irons . . . 2s. 6d. . . . ij panes, one of iron, the other plaite, 2s. . . . 4s. Litle panes of brasse 2s. . . . iij pannes, ij with iron bowes, and j with handes of irone 6s. 8d. ij kettells, j greate cawdrone 6s. 8d. v potts and j posnet 13s. 4d. ij frying pannes 16d. ij morters, ij pestills, j laver of brasse 6s. 8d. v irone potlidds 12d. j greatter 2d. j fleshe croke 2d. j greate cubbord, ij litle cubbords 6s. 8d. j cawell 12d. j stone trowe 4d. j chaire, j lose bord 6d. j chaffin dishe 12d. viij latten candlesticks 5s. One table, and j hogshede 18d. *In the pastre.* One table with treshells, j chiste, ij lose bords 4s. *In the gardner.* Twelve fur deils, certaine lose bordes with jestes 13s. 4d. iij old tunes and j broken barrell 12d. j bushell mett, and j showlle 12d. j chawlder of malte 53s. 4d. *In the old kittchine.* One table, j knocke tubbe, j sos, j greate kitt, j chese presse, j borde with fette 3s. 4d. *In the bowlting howse.* One greate arke 2s. 6d. ij bowlting tubbs 2s. ij paste trowes 2s. iij meale seves, ij temes 6d. iij tubbes, j bowle 12d. j spining wheill 12d. *The lawe buttre.* Thre verge hoggshedds 6s. 8d. ij emptie hogsheids, iiij barrells, j litle guilefatt, ij stands 5s. *In the staggarth.* Sextene thraves of wheate, xxx thraves of otts, xl thraves of rie, in the yard and barne, 4*l*. *In the brewhowse.* One ledd 13s. 4d. j maskfatt, j gilefatt 6s. 8d. j couler of leade 10s. j stone trowe 6d. One great malte arke 10s. iiij beare barrells, j hoggsheid 2s. Certaine tub staves with other woodd 6s. 8d. One skepe and one hop seive, iij draffe tubbes, v old hoggsheids 3s. 4d. xl bords and iij soles, j lose table 13s. 4d. *In the woolhowse.* One greate chiste 2s. 6d. ij hole gads of irone and one halfe 5s. Certaine old iron 2s. 6d. ij planks 8d. Certaine newe wood wessell 6s. 8d. xxiiij sawen bordes, xlij jests 10s. j paire of weye skailes, with ij halfe stone weight of leid 12d. *In the killn.* One stepe leed, j kilne haire 40s. v swanles, ij skeppes, j skuttill, j sholle, j tresle 2s. *In the hen house.* Certaine spaikes, j swall, j lose bord, ij cawells, iiij swalles 3s. 4d. *In the old barne.* Thre dormanes swared, certaine plewghe geire with other wood, j paire of old carte wheilles 10s. Certaine otes, by estimation x threves, 10s. Iron chimnye *(blank)*. ij carte bodies with other wood gere, i paire of whernes 5s. ij plewes

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furnished with socke and culter, viij draught yokes, ij hed yokes, viij somes, iiij paire of lynne pinnes, iiij paire of assell nailles 26s. 8d. iij axes, j handsawe, j spaid, j sledd, viij helme pinnes of iron, ij gavelocks, iij lose crokes of irone, ij haie spaids, iij wombles, j hacke, and j mattocke, vj irone forks, iij muck forks, ij grapes 13s. 4d. ij longe waines with wheills, ij coupe waines with wheills, j longe waine bodie, and j bodie of a coupe waine 26s. 8d. *In the hay barne.* Certaine sawen baulkes, viz., ix dormonds, and j sile 10s. ij oxen harrowes, the one tothed with irone, and ij paire of horse harrowes 8s. *Pewter vessell.* Two garnishe of vessel 4*l.* xxx pece of puder, besides the two garnishe, 15s. ij chargers 2s. ij pie plaits 12d. xxij plaite trenshers 6s. iij basens and iij ewers 15s. vj flowre potts 2d. v chaumbre potts 5s. vj dishes 4s. viij white candilesticks 8s. *Lininge.* xxij paire of linne shetts 11*l.* xxij paire of pillobers 50s. j hedsheitt with bone lace 2s. 6d. xvj paire of course sheitts with straikins and herdine 48s. xj linne towells, wherof vij long table towells, and iiij liveraye towells, 30s. j sute of damaske worke, viz., a table cloathe, a towell, j dowsen napkines, and j cupbourd cloathe, j diaper table cloath, with a towell, and a cubbord clothe to the same, 5*l.* xij linne table cloithes 10*l.* iiij linne cubbord clothes 6s. xij dozen of napkins 3*l.* x stone of linte, spune in yearne, redie for the webster 50s. *Cattell at Brandone.* Eight drawght oxen 16*l.* iiij stotts drawen 8*l.* xvj kiene, whereof xij hathe calves, 25*l.* 13s. 4d. xvj whies, whereof xj calved and vj to calve, 21*l.* 16s. 8d. xiij stirkes 5*l.* 10s. j bull 26s. 8d. *Horses and meires.* The litle dune naige 33s. 4d. The litle graye nage 33s. 4d. j old blacke horse 13s. 4d. j old croked white horse 13s. 4d. *Shepe.* Seventie-two yowes, whereof xlv hath lammes, 16*l.* xxxi gimmers, whereof vii haith lams, 7*l.* vj wethers 26s. More ix yowes 39s. *Ladie Close.* Ninetene stotts, of iij yeres old, 31*l.* 13s. 4d. iij coltes, yeires old and th'advantage, 5*l.* *In th' east parke.* One croked baye bald nage 26s. 8d. j younge colte, colour graye, of iij years age, 26s. 8d. j mare, colour baye, and a fole, 10*l.* *Isleye.* Sexe draught oxen 8*l.* 13s. 6d. iiij drawen stotts 8*l.* xj twinters, whereof j bull, 11*l.* vij whies 5*l.* 19s. j bull 20s. cxiij wethers 26*l.* 7s. 4d. lvij ewes 11*l.* 16s. Hoggs xxx 6*l.* Tupes ix 39s. j baye mare 33s. 4d. j longe waine with wheills, ij assle nails, and ij linne pinnes 26s. 8d. ij plewghes with ij socks and j cowter 4s. v solmes, a lose croke, v drawght yokes, and ij hede yokes 14s. j oxe harrowe, and ij horse harrowes 8s. ij waine ropes, a gavelocke, a hacke, a showlle, and a spade, a mucke hacke, ij grapes 3s. 8d. Certaine wodd in the howse, for waines wheills and plewghes, 26s. 8d. In the staggarth, ij rukes of

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corne, viz., j of rie and another of oites, 33s. 4d. iiij double acres of corne, viz. rie and otts, j ruke of haye, 5*l.* *Plaitte.* One gilte salte with a cover 50s. 8d. j dozen silver spones, v silver spones 4*l.* 9s. ij gilte beare pots 7*l.* 9s. 4d. iij bowlles, parcell gilte, with a cover 8*l.* 5s. 4d. j bowlle, percell gillte, 50s. j tune, parcell gilte, 27s. 1d. *Corne sawine in the demaine at Brandone.* Seventene acres of rie and xvij acres of otts 22*l.* 14s. 4d. *Corne sôwen at Islaye.* Fower acres of rie, and iiij acres of otts 4*l.* *Wood in the great garighe.* Fower paire of sawen sills 10s. xxvj ribbs for a little house 5s. iij swalles for a horse baye 8d. *In the still howse.* Halfe a barrell of pitche, and halfe a berrell of terr 10s. ij stilles of lead 5s. j markine pann, and ij markine irones, a paire of wei-skailes and weights for them 3s. 4d. *Swine at Brandone.* Thre sowes and a bore 20s. *Pulleine.* One peacoke and v henns 5s. j turkie koke and iij hens 4s. xv henns and a coke 5s. 4d.

Debts owen to William Lee at his death. Barnard Vincent 9*l.* 13s. 4d. William Havergall 11*l.* 15s. John Dowthwhat 5*l.* Thomas Swinburne 5*l.* 8s. Edward Jackson 7s. 5d. Robert Heigh 18s. Thomas Burlason 16s. 4d. Simond Person 4d. Nicholas Smith 2s. 6d. William Claxton 13s. Robert Coniers 8s. 4d. Humfrey Brack 20s. John Whit 3s. 2d. Rauff Goodchild 4s. Harry Marshall 33s. 4d. Barbara Whitheid 4s. Summa bonorum et debitorum 433*l.* 6s. 8d.

Debtes which Willyam Lee did owe at his deathe, which ar to be deducted out of this inventory. To Jhone Wood 5*l.* To Brian Seham 20s. To Thomas Deckham 60*l.* To Willyam Lawsone 90*l.* To Rauffe Suerties 33*l.* To Margaret Lawsone, wedow, 20*l.* To Robert Laitone 3*l.* 6d. To wedowe Clerke 10*l.* To wedowe Nesam 20s. To George Whitfeild 5*l.* To Mr. Gilpine 6s. 8d. To Willyam Lawsone, of Sheils, 13s. 4d. To Jhone Johnsone 50s. To George Deninge 11*l.* 4s. 5d. To Thomas Hopper 20*l.* 8s. To Gilbert Burdus 10s. 5d. To Thomas Harcote 10*l.* To Johne Foggam 4s. 8d. To James Farroles 9s. 4d. To Richard Hodgsone 3*l.* To wedow Rasbecke 5s. To Thomas Dackam 4*l.* To Rauffe Richardsone 9*l.* To William Marshe 5s. To Willyam Fisher 4s. 4d. To Christofor Liddell 16s. 8d. To Robert Laytone 6*l.* 6d. To Anthonie Farrowe 5*l.* 3s. 4d. Servannts wages with the funerall exspences 13*l.* 6s. 8d. Summa debitorum 308*l.* 14s. 4d. Sic remanet de claro, debitis et funeralibus expensis deductis, 124*l.* 12s. 4d.

Memorandum, these parcells were added unto this inventarye above written, the 4th daye of Novembre 1584, in maner and forme followinge.

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The leases of William Lee, late of East Brannden, in the countye of Durham, gent., praysed by Nicholas Fetherstonehaughe, Martyne Jacksone, John Ferro and Hewghe Dawsonne.

One lease of East Branden demayne, with the Longe howses and Haggesfelde, in state and beinge, and another off the same in reversione, the bige close 80*l.* One lease of Iseley in his state of beinge, and another of the same in reversione, 50*l.* A lease of the Whyte Leye 10*l.* A lease of Michaell Bryans ferme, and the gates in the Helme, 10*l.* A lease of the ferme in Stockley 10*l.* A lease of half the fyft parte of the parkes at Rabie, and the heigh wood of Langeley, 20*l.* A lease of the parkes of Branspethe 20*l.* A lease of a certaine hamlett or grange, called Oxenall feyld, now in the possession of Capteine Bryckwell, not valued. A lease of Stanndropp carres 100*l.* The charges in the recoveringe of the lease of Standropp carres 180*l.* ✠

XXIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ HOLBORNE.

June 5, 1581. Thomas Holborne, gentleman, in the countie of Northumberlande. I make my sonne Johne Holborne, alias Storie, and my cosing Oswolde Horsleye my executors. I put in credite Mr. John Selbie, esquier, to have one hundrethe marks of money or goods, and all my lands fermeholds &c., in Burton, during the minoretie of my sonne, to bring him up withall, and to see that my said sonne shall have all the premisses to hime and his heires, and failling him and his heires, to my cosing Nicholas Holborne, of Berwick, and failling of them bothe, to my next heires whosoever they be. To Grace Muschaunche and Henrye Muschaunche, her brother, two houses in Berwicke, late in the handes of Charles Heyslop. To Cuthbert Tomson, of Fenwick, and to his bretheren, v kye. To everie one of my brother Arches children 40s., and to Janat Steill, their mother, one cotte lande withe an howse, during her lief tyme, and thre gait, and one cowe, which she haves now in her custodie. To my two sistres, and to either of them 4*l.* To Georg Denes one silver spoyne. To my cosing Oswold Horsleye my best blacke gowne, and my standiche. To my cosing Stapletonne 5*l.* To Mathew Strother my best horse. To my cosing Nicholas Holborne my whyte mayre and her fole. To Raiphe Strothere 10s. To Mr. Selbie one portygewe, worthe 3*l.* 10s., and to his weif ane old rial, worthe 15s. To Mr. John Salterstone 10s. To Mr. William Selbie one gylt dagere. To my servante Marke Colingwode 20s. To my servant Wille 26s. 8d., and one

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house and one cott lande, for his leife tyme, for his service done and to doe. To my maid servant 20s. To George Bell six gaite and one cottage, for his leife tyme. To my servant, Thomas Grene, one lode of corne. To the good wief of Lyam Hall,* xx marks of money, to be bestowed of my buriall. Also I geve unto her one oversea clothe for a bed, and one fyne carpente. To my sonne one sylver salte. To Cuthberte Thomsonne one salte. To Sir George Johnsone one new hate. To my brother, Nicholas Holborne, all my goods in Holborne, whiche my tenant Armyreres hathe ther, and one of my best saltes, and a silver cupe. To Mr. William Reade one silver cupe. To Thomas Foster's sonne, whom I kersned, syx silver spoynes. To my sonne and to Oswolde Horseleye, xviij silver spoynes. To Dic Steill two sonnes, Archbold and Thomas, foure boulls of corne. To Isabell Miller a cowe. To Raiphe Harborne's two sonnes, Johne and Thomas, my righte of one house in Berwicke, lait in the hands of one Prestone, and I will, that if the said Prestone will geve them 45*l.*, that he to have the house. To the two children aforsaide my lande, called Thorkleye, for their leif tyme, to fynde them at the schole withall. To my uncle, Anthonye Holborne, one cottage in Holborne or in Burton, whether he likes best, and the keaping of my wode for his lief tyme, and I geve hime more 20s., and one gowne. Witnesses, Sir Georg Johnsonne, my curat, Oswolde Horsleye, gentlemane, Georg Bell, yeoman, Cuthbert Thomson, Marke Collingwode with others. [Pr. June 22, 1582.]

XXIV. TESTAMENTUM ISABELLÆ GRAY.

Oct. 6, 1581. I, Dame Isabell Gray,† of Ogle Castle, in the countie of Northumberland, weddowe, late wyfe to Sir Raphe Gray of Chillingham, knight, beinge of hole and perfect remembrance, thanckes be to Almightie God, and consideringe the variable and mutable change of this worlde, and the uncertentie of th'end of man's lyfe, and also weiynge the great ambiguities and dowbtes, whiche dooe dayly arise and growe abowt last wylles and testaments, dooe make this my last will and testa-

* John Muschamp was the owner of Lyham Hall in 1597.

† This distinguished lady, the widow of Sir Ralph Grey, knight, the head of that great house, was herself a scion of another branch of the spreading family of Grey. She was a daughter and co-heir of Sir Thomas Grey, of Horton, knight, and there flowed in her veins some of the best blood of the north, for her mother, Dorothy, was a daughter of Ralph Lord Ogle, and her grandmother was a Darcy. The will of her grandfather, Sir Roger Grey, is printed in Wills and Inventories, p. 118.

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ment, in manour and fourme followinge. First, I bequeathe my sowle to Almightie God, the Father, the Sonne, and the Holy Ghost, who hathe created, redemed, and sanctifyed me, unto lyfe everlastinge, by the precious deathe and merite of Jesus Chryst, my only Saviour, and my bodie to be buried in the parishe churche of Chillingham, nere unto the corps of my late husband Sir Raphe Gray, and my funerall ordre of my buriall to be accordinge to the auncient and lawdable custome of the Churche of England, and as shalbe thowght meete to myne executors and supervisours of this my last will. I geve to thirtie of the poorest howseholders in Dodington, everie of them one bolle of beere. To the poore of Fenton and Dodington, upon the day of my buriall, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To my soonne the right worshipfull Sir Thomas Gray, knight,* my leases of the tythe corne and sheaves of Fenton and Dodington, also I geve unto him one nest of silver bowles, one dozen of silver spones, one salt of silver, and dowble guylt, my best bedde, with all the furniture belonging therto, and my best table, with one dozen of joyned stooles. To my sonne Raphe Gray† twooe silver pottes, one dozen of silver spones, and my next best bedde, with the furniture thereof. To my sonne Edward Gray 20*l.* To my sonne Henrie Grey my lease of Ogle Castle, and the demeane therunto belonginge; also I geve unto him all my corne at Ogle, and my lease of pasture in Shilvington feldes, also I geve unto him more xx kye and xx oxen. To my sonne Roger‡ all my corne at Dodington, as well that which is sowen, as that which is unsowen, also I geve unto him more xx kye and xx oxen. To my sonne Arthur§ all my corne at Fenton, bothe sowen and unsowen, also I geve unto him more xx kye and xx oxen. To my sonne Sir Thomas Gray, my lease of th'east demeanes of Elwicke. To my sonne Roger all my corne, sowen upon the grownde of Loninge Head, nighe Morpitt. To my dawghter Anne|| cc markes,

* He died without issue, April 9, 1590. His will is printed in this volume.

† Her second son Sir Ralph Grey, knight, of Horton and Chillingham, sheriff of Northumberland 1582, 1591, 1593 and 1611, M.P. for that county 1604. He was ancestor of the Lords Grey of Wark, and of the Earls of Tankerville. His will was proved, August 28, 1624. He desires burial in the quire of Chillingham church. To his son John he leaves Bradforth and Burton, the tithe corn of Sunderland, a house in Berwick, and the fisheries of Sanstell and Blackwell in Tweed. To his son Robert lands in Little Langton-upon-Swale. To his son Edward Ulgham Grange and Nunnykirk. To his daughters, Dorothy and Martha, the lands of Ross and Elwick, for twenty-one years. To his wife Dorothy her jointure, which is already known, at Horton, and East and West Chevington. The rest to his eldest son Sir William Grey.

‡ Sir Roger Grey, of Ulchester, knight.

§ Sir Arthur Grey, of Spindleston, knight.

|| She married Thomas Collingwood, of Eslington, co. Northumberland, esq.

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to be payed by myne executors upon the day of her maryage, and yf it happen the sayd Anne to dye before she be maryed, (as God forbidde) then my will and intent is, that the sayd somme of cc markes shalbe divided equally amongst my three yongest sonnes, then livinge: also I geve to her more 20*l.*: also I geve to her xx kye, in full restitution, recompence and satisfaction to her, for all such kye, as were given to her by her grandmother, my mother, and I geve unto her more lx sheipe, to make up her stocke cccxx, and I committ or bequeathe her, with all her bequests and legacies, to the good governance and tuition of my sonne Sir Thomas Gray, untill such tyme as she shalbe preferredd in maryage. To my dawghter Dorothee* one tablet of gold, one payre of braceletes of gold, also I geve to her 26*l.* 13s. 4d., also I geve to her my best velvet gowne, and a kirtle of velvet imbroidered. To my dawghter Isabell† 13*l.* 6s. 8d., also I geve to her one velvet gowne, and a kirtle of turfed taffaty. To my dawghter Anne one gowne of satin, and a kirtle of damaske. To my syster Margaret a newe gowne of broad-cloath. I geve for tokens or remembrances, first, to my sonne Sir Thomas one rose noble, to my sonnes Raphe and Edward,‡ and to my sonnes-in-lawe, Mr. Robert Delavale and Mr. Frannces Ratclyfe, everie of them one old angell. To my sonnes, Henrie,§ Roger and Arthur, to everie of them one old angell. To my sonne Raphe one gold ring. To my sonne Henrie . . . . gold. To my dawghters, Isabell and Anne, to either of them one gold ringe. To the right honorable the Ladie Ogle, my mother-in-lawe, ... Ogle, my syster-in-lawe, to either of them a gold ringe. To my cosins, either of the Ladie Ogle's daughters, a Frenche crowne. To my dowghter Dorothee my weddinge ringe, and to each of my sisters one old angell. To my neece Elizabeth Hearon|| 20*l.*, towarde her maryage. To Grisyld Harrison 20*l.*,

* The wife of Robert Delaval, of Seaton Delaval, co. Northumberland, esq.

† The wife of Francis Ratcliffe, of Dilston, esq.

‡ Sir Edward Grey, of Howick, constable of Morpeth Castle, sheriff of Northumberland 1597 and 1598; ancestor of the Earls Grey. His will is dated January 10, 1627-8. Then styled of Morpeth Castle. To Margaret Grey, widow, late wife of his eldest son Philip, 35*l.* a year, out of his manor of Howick. To Philip's eldest son Edward his manor of Howick, and in default of him to John, then to Ralph, then to Philip, to which three last-named grandchildren he gives 500*l.* a piece, out of Howick. To the aforenamed Edward the household goods in the hands of his son-in-law Randall Fenwick. To his daughters, Katherine Fenwick and Elizabeth Grey, 20*l.* a piece. To his grandchild Elizabeth Fenwick 40*l.* "My son Thomas hath in his mariage run a course to his own prejudice and overthrow, and to my discontent, yet having formerly intended him a lease of the tythe of Learmouth, I give it him notwithstanding." To Anne Grey 20s. His son Edward, executor.

§ Of Newminster Abbey, near Morpeth, esq.

|| Daughter of her sister Ursula, wife of Humphrey Heron, of Bokenfield, esq.

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towards her maryage. To my servant John Fenwick 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my servant Oswold Harrison 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To William Ansley, my servant, iiij markes. To George Crosbie one cowe. To Elizabeth Harrison a cloth gowne, and to my servant Thomas Cocke 13s. 4d. To Henrie Ogle, my servant, one yere's wages. To my servant, Edward Were, one bolle of bere, and one bolle of rye. To Thomas Benyon, clercke, 4*l.* To Edin Fenwicke 40s. To Michael Atchison iiij stoates of three yeres age a peece. To Nicholas Bell one cowe and a calf. To Patricke Stiddman one whye. To everie of master Delavale his three eldest sonnes 6*l.* 13s. 4d., to be bestowed on jewels, for tokens. To either of my dawghters-in-lawe, Jane Grey* and Katherine Gray,† 40s. in gold, for tokens. To twelve poore men, to everie of them a blacke gowne. To the poore of Ogle and partes adjoyninge 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Frances Ogle 40s. To Lyonell Gray, of Woller, ij kye. To William Harrison, of Chillingham, ij oxen, and to Elizabeth Harrison, his wyffe, ij kye, with their followers. To Thomas Benyon,‡ clercke, ij martes. To the shoemaker's wyfe off Ogle 3s. 4d. I will and request my sonne Sir Thomas Gray, that my servantes, Michaell Atcheson and William Ansley, may enjoy theire fermholds, during their lives naturall, for theire service, which they had of me in Nesbitte and Dodington, and that he will allowe unto either of them 13s. 4d. yearly. I will, and myn intent is, that yf my sonne Henrie Gray shall happen to dye without issue, before the yeares of my lease of Ogle demeanes and Shilvington feldes shalbe expired, that then my sonne Roger, and the lawfull heires of his bodie, shall have and enjoy the same, and yf he die likewyse, before the expiration of the said yeres, that then my sonne Arthur, and his lawfull issue, shall have and enjoy the same. I committ my sonne Henrie Gray of trust to the right honorable the Lord Ogle, my brother-in-lawe, to whom I geve an old angell, for a token, howping and cravinge at his lordshippe's hands, that he will accept of him, and to be insteede of a father unto him. And I commette my sonne Arthur and my daughter Anne of trust to my sonne, Sir Thomes Gray, requiringe him to be unto them a good governour, as I hoape he will, and to be for his part insteede of a father to them. And I committ my sonne Roger to the governance of

* Wife of her son Sir Ralph Grey, and daughter of William Arthington, of Arthington, co. York, esq.

† Wife of her son Edward, and daughter of Roger Le Strange, of Hunstanton, co. Norfolk, esq.

‡ Thomas Benyon became vicar of Manfield on Tees, and died in 1605. Among his debts is the following item:—"To my son Joseph Benyon, for and in consideration of xl ewes, which was given unto him by his godfather, Sir Thomas Grey, knight, 10*l.*"

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my sonne Ralphe, requiringe him also to be as a father to the sayd Roger. Also I will that all suche women, as have taken paynes with me in tyme of my sicknes, shalbe reasonably considered, for their paines, at the discretion of myne executors, hereunder named. And I will, that if any poore man, coming to me about my business, have susteined any losse, either in his horse or other wayes, that he or they shalbe rewarded a marke or 20s. a peice, as myne executors shall thincke resonable. And I ordeine, constitute, and appoint my full and hole executors, jointly and severally, of this my last will and testament, my sonnes, Henrie Gray, Roger Gray and Arthur Gray. And for the performance of this my last will and testament, I make and ordeine the right worshippefull Sir Thomas Gray, of Chillingham, knight, and the worshippefull Raphe Gray, of Horton, and Edward Gray, of Morpeth Castle, esquyers, my sonnes, supervisours and overseers of this my last will and testament. And further I appointe an inventorie to be taken of all my goods and cattels, as well moveable as unmoveable, and that all costs and charges of my funerall, and all other debtes, that lawfully can be demanded, shalbe discharged. These beinge witnesses, Thomas Benyon, clerk, Elizabeth Harrison, and Oswold Harrison, and William Harrison. [Pr. July 11, 1582.]

Inv. Dec. 13, 1581. Jan. 19, 1581-2. *The goods at Fenton.* Eightene oxen 24*l.* xxxj kye, xvj calves, and a bulle 24*l.* xij yong cattell, everie of them a yere old and a half, 3*l.* Hard corne, clxxx thraves, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. Oates, xviij scores of thraves, 10*l.* 13s. 4d. Of beere, xviij scores of thraves, 8*l.* Hey 5*l.* Waynes, plowghes and yoakes 20s.

The goods at Dodington. Eightene oxen 24*l.* In hard corne, as wheat and rye, xvij scores of thraves 24*l.* Bere, xij score of thraves, 15*l.* Of oates, xvij thraves, 10*l.* 13s. 4d. The hey there 50s. In waines and plowghes, with their furniture, 20s.

The goods at Elwick. Sixtene oxen 21*l.* 6s. 8d. xij year oldes and a half 3*l.* Of wheat and rye, vij scores of thraves, 10*l.* 10s. Of beere, vj score thraves, 5*l.* Of oates, vij score thraves, 5*l.* 6s. 8d. Hey there 50s. Five bolles of peas 30s. Waines and plowghes, with their furniture, 20s.

The goods at Yeveringe. Two score and seaven ewes 7*l.* xvj weathers 40s. xvj hoggs 21s. xxxiij thrave of wheat and rye 35s. xxxiij thraves of bere 50s. Oats, xxx thraves, 18s. 8d.

The goods at the Loning Head. Eightene oxen 24*l.* xij goates 20s. vij scores of thraves of wheat 15*l.* lx thraves of bere 3*l.* clxxx thraves of oats 8*l.* The hey there 53s. 4d. Waines and plowghes, with theire furniture, 26s. 8d.

The goods at Ogle. Eightene oxen 47*l.* xlvij kye 47*l.*

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vij stoates 7*l.* iiij bulles 4*l.* viij yonger stoates 8*l.* xxvj yong stoates and whyes of twoo yere old 16*l.* viij yeare old and a half 33s. 4d. iij horses 6*l.* viij score and ix ewes 20*l.* xx weathers 4*l.* lx gymmers 6*l.* xxvij dinmonthes 53s. x scores of hogges 10*l.* xxviij calves 3*l.* xij scores thraves of wheat 24*l.* xij scores of thraves of oats 10*l.* 13s. 4d. Hey theire 10*l.* Waynes and plowghes, with their furniture, 20s.

Implements of howsold as plate, beddinge, &c. Plate valewed to 27*l.* Rings and jewells 20*l.* Apparell 20*l.* The beddinge, naperie, chests, tables, stooles, quishions, with all other implements of howsold, 113*l.* In redie money and gold 60*l.* Sum of the goods 700*l.* 31s. 6d.

Debtes owinge to the ladie Isabell Gray. For corne sold at Fenton, as appearith by particulars, in her bookes of reconinges, 60*l.* Corne sold at Dodington and Elwick 60*l.* Corne sold at Ogle and the Loning Head 20*l.* Somme of the debts owing to her 140*l.* Summa totalis of all the goods and debtes 871*l.* 6s.

Debtes which the sayd lady Gray oweth. To John Gray, of Newcastle, draper, 10*l.* 9s. To Robert Edon, apothecarie, 18*l.* 19s. 4d. To Mr. Selby, of Newcastle, merchant, 38s. 4d. To Nicholas Punder, merchant, 7*l.* Arrerage and rents to Mr. Elwick, to the Quene's auditors, to Thomas Bates, and the parson of Whalton, with others, the summe of 16*l.* To Oswold Fryer 3*l.* For servants wages 22*l.* For her funerall, the charges owinge 100*l.* Summa 179*l.* 6s. 8d. ✠

XXV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS STOWT.

June 20, 1582. In the nayme of the Father, Sonne and Holy Ghost, thre persons and one levinge God. John Stowt, of the cittie of Durham. To the poore people in Durham 40s. To my sister Agnes Stowt 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To my brother Thomas Stowt 3*l.* 6s. 8d., over and besides 20s. he oweth me, and th'one of my better gownes, whether it shall pleas my wife to deliver him, and all my bookes, (my Bible and Prayer books excepted.) To my father and mother, Edward Stowt and his wife, 6*l.* 6s. 8d., and he to have the close, nowe in his occupacion, at the Nevill oke,* at Langley. My house I dwell in, in the North Baley, and the waist adjoyninge upon the same, and the howse before my door, their lately by me builded, and my howse in Gillagaite, I geve unto my wife. The table in my hall howse, cubbord, the

* The Langley here mentioned is between Durham and Branspeth, and the oak probably marked the boundary of the Neville estate.

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longe-siddells, iron chimney and racken tree, and sex of the best buffet stoles to be herelomes, as also the brewe leade and taps-stone. To Alice, my doughter, my best bason and uewer, which commonly standeth in the hall. I pray my wif to bestowe my cotes and dublets, on such poore folke as had wrought with me. I geve and bequeth to Mr. Alderman* for the time beinge 3*l.* 6s. 8d., to th'end and use, that he shall make a drincking cup, therewith to furnishe the table of the said Mr. Alderman withall, and I pray him that there may be graven, upon the same, these words, viz., **yet God helpe.** To my singular good master, Mr. Thomas Calverley,† a dooble sufferon, for a small token. And I geve my mistres an old angell. [Pr. Aug. 25, 1582.]

Inv. One salt chist 12d. One trow-stone 12d. One dozen silver spones 46s. 8d. A side chair with a fyr table and trisstles 5s. iij drifotts 4s. A table and a tresse 12d. A gawntrees and iiij trowes 20d. *Annuities dewe to the said John Stowt.* Fower poundes out of Hordon, for xviij yeres and a half, 74*l.* 13*l.* out of lands in Sadbardg, Stillington and Estobe, for iiij yeres and a half, 63*l.* 30*l.* out of Beamond Hill, for five years and a half, 165*l.* The profitts of Langley, for five yeres and a half, cometh to 8*l.* p. a., 44*l.* He owes to Christofor Maire 20*l.* Funerall, dynner, and bringing of him furthe, 6*l.* 10s.

XXVI. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ HERON.

Aug. 6, 1582. Thomas Heron‡, of the town of Newcastle, marchant. My body to be buried within St. Nycholas church,

* The Alderman was then the chief magistrate of the city; it was not until 1601, under Bishop Matthew's charter, that Durham received a Mayor.

† Thomas Calverley, of Littleburn, esq. A younger son of Sir William Calverley, of Calverley, knight; he was temporal chancellor of Durham, recorder of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and one of the readers of Lincoln's Inn. He died in 1613, aged 81, and is buried at Branspeth. By his wife, Isabell, daughter of Bertram Anderson, of Newcastle, merchant, he was the father of Sir John Calverley, of Littleburn, knight.

‡ A member of a Northumberland family, who, like many others of the gentle blood of that county, had become a tradesman in Newcastle. He was the son of William Heron, of Crawley, and his wife Catherine, of a stock which descended from the Bastard Heron, a son of Sir Roger Heron, of Ford, knight. His mother's will is dated Oct. 1, 1584. She describes herself as "Katheringe Herrone, widow, late wyf of William Herrone, of Craweleye Heythe, deceased. To be buryed in my parishe churche of Eglinghame. My doughter Elizabeth Burne. Elizabethe, the doughter of my sonne John Herrone. Thomas Herrone and my doughter Isabell, his wyf, and hir children."

The testator was connected, probably through his wife Marion, with the Andersons, Mitfords, and Chapmans, all Newcastle merchants, but I am unable to give the connecting links.

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in a porch called St. George's porche. I will that if my wiffe be with child, and God send it to be a sonne, I will that he shall have all my landes, except that land in Mecle Benton, which my doughter Margaret must have, and if it shall please God to send it a doughter, I will that then she shal be joyned with my two doughters, Margaret Heron and Barbrey Heron, to have her equall portion. I will that my mother shall have the thyrde part of all that my demaynes of Crawley, during her life, or if Crawley be let to rent, my mother to have the thyrd of the rent, if she shall like that better, than to occupy the growndes, of her charges. I gyve the child my wife is with, and the portion dew to it, to my cosyn Mr. Henry Anderson, esquier, until it come to lawfull aidg. I do gyve my eldest doughter, Margaret Heron, to my cosyn Henry Mytford, and her portion. I gyve my doughter Barbrey Heron, to my cosyn Henry Chapman, now sherife, and her portion. I gyve to my brother John Heron 20s. To my sister Margaret Still 20s. To my sister Elizabeth Burne 20s. All the rest of my goodes to my doughters Margaret and Barbara, and to that child my wife is with, whom I maik executors. And I do maik my cosyn Mr. Henry Anderson, esquier, Mr. Henry Mytford, gentleman, and Mr. Henry Chapman, now sherife of Newcastle, supervisors. Witnesses John Kyllingworth, John Gascoyne. [Pr. Nov. 9, 1582.]

XXVII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI CLAVERING ARMIGERI.

Nov. 30, 1582. Roberte Clavering,* of Callelie, within the countie of Northumberland, esquier. I committ my bodie to be buried, in Christian buriale, within my parish churche of Whittinghame, upon the southe side of the quear, next the wall

* The head of his house, descended from Sir Alan Clavering, knight, who was a younger son of Robert Fitz-Roger, baron of Clavering and Warkworth, and upon whom his father had settled the lands of Callaley and Yetlington. Of the noblest Norman descent, allied to most of the great baronial families, and having a common origin with the houses of Vesci, Laci, and Eure, the lords of Warkworth, owners of many a manor and broad acre in Essex, Northampton, Northumberland, &c., were among the most powerful feudatories of the kingdom. They flourished, too powerful perhaps for subjects, until Sir John Clavering, eldest brother of Sir Alan of Callaley, was compelled by Edward III. to vest the greater part of his estates in the crown, and it was the grant of Warkworth, Rothbury, Newburn, and Corbridge, by that monarch to Henry Percy, which laid the foundation of the noble and wealthy stock of Percy. The testator, son of John Clavering and Elizabeth Fenwick, married Anne, daughter and co-heir of Sir Thomas Grey, of Horton, knight. The estate of Callaley is now the property of his lineal descendant, Edward Clavering, esq.

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before my wive's seat. To my welbeloved wief, Anne Claveringe, my maner house of Callelie, with my demayne and milne, together with the whole towne of Callelie &c., in satisfactione of the thirde part of all my landes &c., for her lief. Also I give unto her the land, I purchased of Sir Thomas Graye, knighte, lyinge in the towne and feildes of Duddo and Grenelawe, within the liberties of Norhamshier, being of the yerelie rent of 26s. 8d., also the tythe corne and sheife of everie graine, growinge in the towne and demayne of Callelie, duringe my lease, payinge the rents of 4*l.* to Sir Cuthbert Collingwood, knight. Also I give unto hir xviij oxen, now at Callelie, both plewes and waynes, and all other furniture therunto belonginge, with all the thirde of my goodes, and all my corne on the grounde and of the grounde, all my houshold stuffe, one young graye mare and a sore meare, now remayninge at my house at Callele, all suche stokes and somes of money, as is dewe unto me for anye corne solde, together with her stockes and number of sheppe, that hathe borne the name of her owne goodes, that ys to saye, l ewes, v wethers, ij towpes, xxj gymers and dynmontes, and xxxiiij hoges. I give the two partes of my goodes, before unbequethed to my wief, to paye my debtes, and also I give more for that purpose, yearelie out of Yetlington, untill all my debtes be paid, 7*l.* 12s. 10d. To my sonne John Claveringe,* after my wyfe's death, four tenementes in Callele, now in the tenor of Henrye and Robert Butyman, Thomas Atkinson and wedow Sclater. To my sonne William Claveringe† the tenementes in Yetlington, whereof two are in my owne occupation, and th'other in that of Thomas Donne, with the rente of them, beinge 37s. 6d. Also I give unto him all the corne, to be sowen in the grounde, at his furst entringe unto the saide tenementes, and if it shall please God to send him anye children, then I bequethe to any suche child, as he shall best lik, the said thre tenementes, paying therfore yearlie unto my heires 37s. 6d. Also I give unto him another farmhold in Yetlington, paying therfore the rent of 12s. 6d. To my sonne Cuthbert Claveringe the farmholdes in Yetlington, two now in my own occupation, and th'other in that of George Wardell, with all the corne on and of the grounde, and the rent, beinge 37s. 6d. (the same provision for a child as in the preceding case), also another farmehold in Yetlington, paying to my heires the rent of 12s. 6d. To my sonne Thomas Claveringe thre tenementes in Yetlington, in the tenor of Anthonye Whittinghame, wedow Carver and Johne Lambe, the elder, with all the rent, beinge 37s. 6d. (the same provision for a child as before). To my sone

* Afterwards fellow of Eton College and rector of Gamlingay, co. Cambridge.
† His will is printed in this volume: then of Duddoe.

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James Clavering* 26*l.* 13s. 4d., now in the handes of Roger Nicholsone, merchannt venturer, of Newcastle. To my doughter Dorothie Armerer c marks. To my doughter Margrett Clavering 50*l.* To my doughter Mabell Clavering 50*l.* To Robert Selbie, sonne to Thomas Selbie, of Bittlestone, xx lambes, to be delivered the next spainge tyme after my deathe. I will that all my manor, lands and inheritance shall come to my sonne Robert Claveringe,† and his heires mailes, and for default of sutch issue, to my sonne Johne Clavering and his heires mailes, and for default of such, then to my son William Clavering, then to James Clavering, then to Cuthbert Claveringe, then to Thomas Claveringe, and then to my right heires. I do make my wellbeloved wief Anne Claveringe and my sonne Johne Clavering my executors, and the right honourable Sir John Forster, knighte, Lord Warden of the middle marches of Englande, over anenst Scotland, Sir Thomas Graye, of Chillinghame, knight, and Mr Raiphe Graye, of Hortone, esquier, supervisors. Witnesses, Robert Clavering, James Ogle, Thomas Bradforthe, Roger Procter, Arthur Gray, John Nicoll. [Pr. Jan. 19, 1582-3.]

Inventorye appriced bye Luke Ogle, of Eglenhame, gent, and Richard Satterthwat, vicar of Whittenhame, at Callelye, the last daye of Januarye, 1582.

At Callelye. Eightene oxon, 20*l.* A bull at *Yetlentone* 20s. viij oxon at *Yetlentone* 8*l.* iiij stirks ther 30s. xxiiij kyn and their folowers, wherof x of the same kyne and ther folowers be 11*l.* 13s., and the other xiiij kyn and ther folowers 14*l.* ix stirks

* Then, no doubt, apprenticed to Roger Nicholson, merchant, of Newcastle, whose daughter and co-heir Grace he ultimately married. He was sheriff of Newcastle 1599, mayor 1607 and 1618, and was buried May 2, 1630. From him descended a long line of Claverings, baronets of Axwell, co. Durham, now represented by Sir William Clavering, bart.

† The testator's eldest son; he married Mary, daughter of Sir Cuthbert Collingwood, of Eslington and Dalden, knight. In his will, dated April 21, 1600, he desires burial in the church of Whittingham. He leaves his horse, grey Blackstone, to Hugh Gregson, of Berwick. "To my sone John the maner and lordshippe of Dodoe, and the cole mynes ther, and to his hayres mail, and for defaute of suche, then to my sonne Robert, then to William, then to James, my sonnes, then to my brother John, of Gamlingeye, then to my brother James, sherif of Newcastel, then to John, his sonne, then to James, his second sonne, then to Raphe Clavering of Bowlsden, then to Raphe, his eldest sonne, and then to my right heires." He mentions his daughters Anne, Dorothy, Jane, and Susan. "And whereas I sold to the tenants of Tilmouth the whole towne, with all rents &c., and that for non-payment of part of the money, the assurance is not yet passed unto them, I do bequithe unto my brothers, John and James, the said landes of Tylmouth and Houlawes, and all other commons &c., to the use of the said tenants, provided they paie the reste of the money." Overseers, Roger Fenwick, of Bitchfield, Thomas Armorer, of Belford, Thomas Collingwood, of Litle Ryle. The tuition of his children, Robert, William, James, Dorothy, and Jane, was granted Oct. 27, 1609, to their uncle Henry Collingwood.

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3*l.* On branded bull 20s. On whyt meare at *Yetlenton* 16s. Tenne score ewes, price of everye on 3s. 4d., 33*l.* 6s. 8d. Thre score gymmers and dynmonts, every on 3s., 9*l.* Six score hogges 12*l.* viiij tupes 24s. xlvj ewes 7*l.* 13s. 4d. Two tupes 6s. xx gymeres and dynmonts 3*l.* xxviij hoggs, at 2s. the piece, 56s. Two meares 3*l.* 6s. 8d. On whye with calfe 20s. Two wheat stacks, of xx boules, 8*l.* Two stacks of beare, of xx boules, 4*l.* 13s. 3d. v stacks of otes, of fourscore boules, 10*l.* 13s. 4d. xxxiij boules of wheit sawne at *Callelye*, price of every boule is 8s., 13*l.* 4s. Two ruckes of herdcorne at *Yetlenton*, and iiij boules and a bushell, 20s. lx thraves of otes, of xx boules, 53s. 4d. xx thraves of beare, of iij boules, 14s. Sawne at *Yetlentone*, x boules of herdcorne 4*l.* Mor sawne at *Yetlentone* in another fermold, v boules 40s. iiij boules of herdcorne at the same fermold in *Yetlenton* 28s. xl thraves of otes, of xij boules, ther at *Yetlenton*, 32s. On heystacke 5*l.* *The houshold implements.* Tene silver sponnes 15s. On silver salt 20s. ij garnishe of puder vessell 3*l.* On blacke clocke faced with taffetye 40s. A long gown furred 46s. 8d. A paire of hangings for a bedde 10s. Five coverings of bedds 40s. xxviij payre of course sheits 4*l.* 13s. 8d. xix payre of lynen sheits 7*l.* 12s. Two webes of lynen clothe, contayning fiftye yerds, 50s. viij puder candelsticks 13s. 4d. v chamber potts 3s. iiij chists, on counter, ij cofferes, and on cupbord 26s. 8d. On quilt 6s. On covoring of a bedde lyned 30s. *In the lawe chamber, and the highe chamber, at the haule end.* Foure bedsteids 10s. On bason and on ewer 4s. x quissions 10s. xv pair of blancots 3*l.* Thre carpete clothes 12s. *In the two chambers at the neyther end of the haule.* Fowre bedsteids 10s. Five buffete stooles 2s. 6d. Two pressers 6s. xxv pladds 41s. 8d. xvj coverlets 48s. Four fetherbedds and four bolsters 53s. 4d. xij flocke bedds and pillowes 42s. xiij pillowbeares 16s. xiij bolsters 17s. 4d. *In the kytchin.* Two newe pannes 12s. Thre kawdrones 30s. Fyve brasse pottes 20s. Fowre iron speits 5s. Two dropping pannes 16s. Two frying pannes 2s. One payre of racks 2s. 8d. On morter and a pestell 5s. Fyve swermes of bees in the garding 10s. On trunk 5s. xij swyn 30s. *In the butterye.* Fowre small table clothes 13s. 4d. Thre round table clothes 6s. Two duson table napkynes 4s. Thre cupbord clothes 7s. xxxvj stones of lynt, at 4s. 8d. every stone, 8*l.* 10s. 4d. viij stone and seven pound of Engleshe irone, at 16d. a stone, 11s. 5d. Two firkynes of sope 20s. On berrell of terre 12s. Two longe waynes 26s. 8d. Thre short waynes 30s. Thre plughes, with ther furnitoures, 10s. vj boules of ote malt 24s. The lease of the teith corne of *Callelye* 19s. 9d. The haye at *Yetlentone* 20s. The increase of

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xxxiij boules of wheat, sawne at *Callelye*, by estimation, 21*l*. 8s. The increase of x boules of herdcorn, sawen at *Yetlenton*, by estimation, 8*l*. The increase of v boules of herdcorn, sawn at *Yetlenton*, by estimation, 4*l*. Corne sould after 12s. a boule, as by ther names appeareth in my booke. Of wheat, xxij boules, 13*l*. 4s. Beare at 7s. the boule, xxx boules, 10*l*. 10s. Otmeile, at 10s. the boule, xvj boules and a kening, 8*l*. 1s. 6d. Otes, at 4s. a boule, xvj boules and a kenning 3*l*. 5s. Malt, at 6s. the boule, vj boules, 50s. Corne owing. In beare, xxiij boules and a kening, 4*l*. 13s. Wheit, vj boules, 42s. Otes, xxxiiij boules and a bushell, 3*l*. 9s. Of rye, v boules, 30s. For buter, chease and malt 4*l*. 15s. 9d. Summa totalis 376*l*. 19s. 9d. *The debts which Robert Clavering is owing*. To the queen 10*l*. To Roger Nycolson 10*l*. 13s. 3d. To Thomas Hopper 4*l*. 7s. 4d. To the vicare of Whitenham 66s. 8d. To Thomas Reivleye 3*l*. 6s. 8d. To Robert Cayrslaye 18s. To Cuthbert Clavering 7*l*. To D. Skeyne 6s. To S. Tompsone 9s. ✠

XXVIII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI PRESTON.

June 9, 1581. I, William Preston,* of Twedmowthe, and wone of here grasses penssyonares, beinge sycke in bodye, bute in good and parffyte remembrannse, thanks be to God for it. My bodye to be bewryed in the parysshe chirche of Twedmowthe, at the desscrassyone of my frendes. I doe make my well-beloved wiffe, Cattrene Prestone, and Thomas Prestone, my brothare's sonne, my executors. To my wiffe my howse in Twedmowthe, whearein I now dwell, fornysshed as it is lefte at my deathe, dewrynge heare natewralle lyffe, and she to kepe the same in reprassyone, dewryinge here lyfe, and in heare lyffe-tyme not to waste, or geve, ore put awaye, anye of the godes, othare thene for heare nedfull youse. And if it chawnse that my cossyne Thomas Prestone, my brothare's sonne, do come into this contraye, and will remayne heare withe his ante, and that he seacke to please heare, and be obedyente to heare, I will that he shall remayne with heare, and I will that at the daye of my sayd wiffe's deathe, the wone halffe of all soche goods, as shall be lefte, shall be gevene to the said Thomas, and the other halfe my sayde wife to geve and use at heare descressyon. Allso I bequaythe to my brother's sonne my blacke clocke, lynned with bayes, and my shorte gowne, ford with frycholle, and lyned with lambe, and a payre of grograyne brichis, and a grograyne

* An old soldier of the garrison of Berwick: the bequests of his apparell and armament are interesting.

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doblet, and a blacke dobleat of Doche fostyone, and my gravene corseleat, and a gravene moryone, and a graven collare, and a callyvare, with a flaske and tocheboxe. And at the deathe of my wiffe, I will that the same Thomas Prestone shall have wonne sylvare pese, of xij owses, or eles sevene nobeles of monaye. Allso I do geve to my wiffe Cattrene Prestone all those my sylvare sponnes to heare onelye youse. To Gorge Traffoord, my mane, a callyvare, a flaske and tocheboxe, and myne armynge sord, a payre of rosset breches of brod-clothe, a blacke fryse gyrkyne, lyned with blacke cottone, and a canevas doblet, a payre of knyte hose, and all my showes. To Jennet Trafford wonne flocke bed, with shetes and coverynges to the same, and one chiste of fyre, which dothe stand at the bedsyde in the newe parllare. Allso I geve unto John Rewly, of Weste Lylborne, a Frenche crowne, for a remembranse. And to my sonne Mathewe Fostare a Frenche crowne. And to William Davenport my newe boffe gyrdelle. To the chirch of Twidmowthe, for my chirch lease, 5s. To William Bell, of Twedmowthe, my bockes ledar gloves, and my dagare. To Agnes Larke a brase pote, called Isbell Selbe's pot. To the pore of the paryshe of Twedmowthe 10s. I make sewparevyssares of my will, William Walles,* of Akellde, John Salterstell, of Barwecke, and John Trafford, of Twedmowthe, and to everie one of them I geve 20s. And more I do geve to John Sawterstell 10s. for iij fyr dalles, I had of him. And allso I wyll that if Thomas Prestone do not hapen to come into this contraye, whill my wiffe doth live, that then William Walles and John Sallterstell shall have the custodye of his part of goodes, unto the tyme that he shall come. To Edward Hall, sargente to Captayne Carver, 5s. To my wiffe my beste clocke, fassed with taffataye. And this is my last will, confyrmed before these witnesses, James Forster, mynyster, Mr. Thomas Larke, gentilman pencyonere, Anthony Mourton, Richard Cartwright, penssyonere, William Bell, William Damport. Antonye Andersone, of Barwecke, aldermane, that he was bond to me fore wone Sandares Andarsone, a Scotesmane, 23s. He owes to Hewghe Gregesone, of the Palles, 4s. 8d.

Inv. Mar. 19, 1582-3. Trentillment of houshold 10s. One silver cupp 40s. One corslett, and one moryan, and a callever 20s. Sex silver spoynes 15s.

* His will is dated Sept. 1, 1588. He leaves to his eldest son William, and his heirs male, all his inheritance, within the fields of Akeld, Hommiltone and Wollore, with his fishing in Berwick; and for default of him and his heirs, his said lands to go to his sons Robert, Thomas, Oswald, Gilbert and James, in succession, and then to his right heirs. He mentions his daughters Elspeth, Dorothy, Isabel, Jane and Agnes. His wife Isabel and son William, executors.

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XXIX. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI LAMPTON DE LAMPTON ARMIGERI.

March 9, 1582-3. Robert Lambton,* of Lambton, in the countye of Durham, esquier, wholl of mynd, though sumthing diseased in bodye, I thank God for itt, doo mak this my last will and testament, in maner and form following, herbye defeating all former will and willes, by me att anye tyme made, before the date herof, and especiallye one will, thatt I made and delivered to my Lord Eure to kepe, which now upon reasonable and lawfull occasions, I do herbye make frustratt and voyd. And first I bequeath my sowle into the hands of Almightye God, besetching Him, through the meritts of the passion of His blessed Sonne, Jesus Christ (by whose blood shedding I trust to be saved), to make me partaker of His hevenlye kyngdom, and my bodye to be buryed in the parishe church of Chester, in sutch place, as my anncesters have been accustomed to be buryed. To my fower yonger sonnes, Roger, John, Wylliam and James Lambton, 32*l.* by yere, during ther naturall lives. To Roger, John and James, 7*l.* 10s., and to Wylliam, 9*l.* 10s. And I will thatt my sonne Raphe shall nott be any longer charged withe anye of my yonger sonnes, butt at his owne courtesye, then till the first paymentt of these annuetyes. To my two doughters, which be unmaryed, Margerye† and Jane Lambton,‡ for ther preferment in mariadg, eyther of them 100*l.* And if my goods will not reatch therunto, I will that the 20*l.* by yere for the colle mynes at Lambton, payed by Mr. Heath, shall be payed to ther uses, untill the said sum be mayed forth. My sonne Raphe to have the custodye and education of my doughter Jane, and her portion, untill she accomplish the age of twenty-one yeres, if she do not marye before thatt tyme, with the consent of hym, my brother Tonge,§ my sonne Blaxton,‖ and my sonne Tempest. To my sonne Raphe Lambton all my houshold stuffe and plait, thatt is about my house at Lambton, together with all husbandrye geare,

* The head of his ancient house: he was the son of John Lambton, of Lambton, esq., and his wife, Agnes, daughter and coheir of Roger Lumley, of Ludworth, esq., a brother of Richard, Lord Lumley. He married Frances, daughter of Sir Ralph Eure, knight, son of William, Lord Eure. From the testator descended a long line of Lambtons, who, allied to much of the best blood of the north, are now represented by the Earl of Durham.

† Afterwards wife of John Tempest, esq., brother of Sir Nicholas Tempest, of Stella, co. Durham, bart., who married Elizabeth, another daughter of the testator.

‡ She married Sir William Blakiston, of Gibside, co. Durham, knight.

§ George Tonge, of West Thickley, co. Durham, esquire, who married the testator's sister Helen.

‖ William Blakiston, of Gibside, esq., who married his daughter Joane.

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that is eyther about my house at Lambton or at Triblye. And furthermore, bycause before God, I wold discharg my conscienc, and that I wold everye man, without collution, should have ther owne, att my handes, without any losse, I have sett downe a perfit nott, to my remembranc, of all sutch detts as I am owing. And first I owe to my sonne Blaxton, which is unpayd, in part of his wiffe's dower, 50*l.* To my sonne Radcliffe,* of his wiffe's dower, 10*l.* I give to my Lord Eure, for a token, my racking gray nage. I give to my brother Tonge, my sonne Blaxton, my sonne Radcliffe, my sister Tonge, my sister Whytt,† my sister Johnson,‡ my sister Banks,§ my brother John Lambton, my brother Thomas, my brother George, my brother Anthonye, my brother Whytt, my brother Johnson, my godsonne Robert Whitte, and my sonne Tempest, to everye of them, for a token, one angell. To my doughter Blaxton, my doughter Tempest, and my doughter Radcliffe, to everye one of them, for a token, one double duckett. To my sonne Thomas Tempest one old ryall. To my doughter Elizabeth Tempest one wheye. To my servantes, John Lawson and Christofer Andro, eyther of them on whye stirke. And for the trust and speciall hoop thatt I have in my Lord Eure, that he will have over my children, I humbly desyer him to se this my will executed, with my brother Tonge, my sonne Blaxton, and my sonne Tempest, which fower I make joyntlye supervisors of this my last will and testament. The rest of my goodes &c., to my sonne Raphe Lambton, whome I make sole executor. Witnesses, George Tonge, George Lambton, Wyllyame Blaxstone, Robert Thyrkell, Nycholas Tempest &c. [Pr. April 13, 1583.]

Inv. *At Lambtonne.* Fyrst, x oxsonne 36*l.* 13s. 4d. One graye horse 5*l.* vj horses and meares, and one yeare-old folle 10*l.* One blacke geldinge 6*l.* 13s. 4d. One donne horsse 53s. 4d. lxxxviij youes, and lxxvj lambes 21*l.* 3s. xlvj hoodges 9*l.* xviij dynmondes and ij tupes 6*l.* ix geylde kye 13*l.* xij kye and calfes 22*l.* One boull 40s. ij hand mylke kye 3*l.* xvij stotes and whyes 20*l.* xj stotes 28*l.* iij whyes with calfe 5*l.* One boull 33s. 4d. Olde haye 40s. vj tupes 36s. vj styrkes 40s. ix swyne 33s. 4d. Plew-gere and waynes, and wayne-gere with harowes, and all other wode gere 4*l.* One wheate stacke 4*l.*

* Cuthbert Radcliffe, of Blanchland, co. Northumberland, esquire, who married his daughter Margaret.

† Matthew White, of Redheugh, co. Durham, the husband of the testator's sister Ann. His will is printed in this volume.

‡ George Johnson, of Twisell, co. Durham, gent., the husband of his sister Katherine.

§ Walter Bankes, of Rookeburn, co. York, esq., the husband of his sister Elizabeth.

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The corne of the ground 20*l.* *The howsholde stoufe.* *In one chamber called the lordes chamber.* One beed with haangyngs, and other fornytur, a cobbord, a bayseng and ewer, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the paynted chamber.* Two fether beeds with other fornyture 3*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the greate chamber.* A long table, a carpynt clothe, vj stoulles and quishenges, ij cubbordes and a chiste with hangens, 3*l.* *In the hall.* Bourdes and formes and other fournyture 40s. More in the hall, one armer with iij cotes of plate, and other fournyture therto belonginge, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the parler.* Two beedes and all therto belongynge, ij coubords with formes and chystes, 5*l.* His silver plate with ij doussen of silver sponnes 20*l.* *The chamber above the parler.* Two fether beedes with fournyture 3*l.* 6s. 8d. All the leyneinge 12*l.* v sarvantes beedes 40s. The pewder vessell 5*l.* One copper cauldern 20s. *In the stable chamber.* Two beedes with their furnitur, one paire of virginalls, a tente, with other geare, 5*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the kychinge.* Nine brase pottes, iij kettelles, a braissen morter with other implewments, as spets, rackes, all other thinges therto belongyng, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. All thinges in the *buttere* 40s. A chaulder of maulte 40s. *In the brewhouse.* One brew-leade and other vessell, with kettle, and ij rackyncroks 4*l.* *In the layrder house.* Sartayne tubbes with salte beeffe 40s. *In the mylke howse.* Certayne mylke vessell 20s. *The corne at Penshire.* Fortye thraves of wheate 3*l.* 6s. 8d. xv doobble ackers 20*l.* *Att Tryble.* Fyrste, viij oxen 22*l.* 13s. 4d. vij stotes 16*l.* iij kye, and iij caufes 4*l.* 10s. iiij kye that haithe no caufes 5*l.* 10s. One bull 33s. 4d. iij styrckes 24s. Of wedders cciiij and ij tupes 48*l.* xvj yowes and lambes 4*l.* One black horse 40s. Plew-gere and wayne-gere 33s. 4d. viij ackers of rye 9*l.* 12s. iiij thraves of rye, in the barne, 10s. In funerals charches 80*l.* Geven in gold in legasyes 10*l.* In lyenge mony and gold 100*l.* In debts 100*l.*

This, so fare as my knowledge serveth me, at this tyme, is a just and truue inventory, and yf so be ther happen, any more comme to light afterward, it shalbe mayd more perfyte. Prased by thes George Johnson, Raphe Pendrethe, Leonard Sanderson, Robert Porter, the iiijth day of Apryll in the year 1583. ✠

XXX. TESTAMENTUM ISABELLÆ ROOD.

Oct. 25, 1582. Isable Rood, wedowe, late wyfe of Mr. John Roode,* prebendarye of the cathedrall church of Durham.

* John Rud, B.D., prebendary of the tenth stall. He was chaplain in ordinary to Edward VI., who presented him in 1550 to the stall at Durham. De-

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To be buryed in the cathedrall church of Durham, so neyre to my husband as may be. To my doughter Rachell twoo spoones of sylver, to and with the iiij she haith alredie. To my doughter Elizabeth iiij sylver spoones. To my doughter Marye vj sylver spones. To my doughter Elizabeth the leaste sylver salte. And to Rachell I gyve a sylver bowle, parcell gilded. To my doughter Marye a sylver bowle, lyke the other above bequeathed. To my sonne John Roode the beste sylver salte, and one half dosen sylver spoones. To my sonne Joseph a standinge cupp of sylver, and vj sylver spones. To my sonne John Rood his father's best ringe of gold, and a sylver becker. To Anne Wylden, my brother Rychard his wyfe, a sylver becker. To my doughter Marye a lytle goblet of sylver, which lyethe in pawne to me for 40s. To my doughter Marye one fetherbed, the best save twoo, j bolster and j pillowe, j payre of blanketes, edged with blewe, j reyd coveringe, with the bedsted that I lye in, and ij paire of sheetes, one lyn, th'other harden, besydes the ij paire of sheets, which I gave hir, when I came last from Yorkshire. Also I give to her vj pewter doublers, vj dishes of pewter, and vj sawcers, also the best brasse pott. To Henry Hancoke, the younger, 40s. To George Wyllesonne 40s. To John Bedforthe 40s. To Isable Paxton, my servant, a yeowe, and to Jennet Paxton a yeowe. To my brother Richard Wylldon an angel of gold. To Raph Harll, of Nether Heworth, and his wife, to each 2s. 6d. The resydue to my twoo sonnes, John and Joseph Rood, whom I make my executors. I assigne the gardianship of my sonne Joseph, duringe his minorytie, to the right worshipfull Mr. Doctor Pylkingeton, and if he refuse, I assigne it to my brother Richard Wylldon, and Henry Hancok, my sonne-in-lawe. Mr. John Pylkington, archedeacon of Durham, and Mr. Robert Swyfte, clerke, prebendaries of Durham, supervisors, and I gyve to eyther of them an angel of gold. Witnesses, Thomas Little, clark, Cuthbert Nicholl, George Cuthbert &c. [Pr. April 13, 1583.]

Inv. Dec. 6, 1582. *Goods at Plawsworth. At Durham.* Nine sett quissions 20s. The just judgement of Sallomon, wyth the Quenes Majesties armes, 6s. 8d. iij mappes 10s. A broad-cloth gowne, lyned wyth taffitie, another cloth gowne, lyned wyth sarceneet, 40s. Two dubletts of chamlet, and a cassake, without sleves, of silke grogeringe, and a worsett cassake with sleves, 16s. One other worsett gowne, and a broade-cloth gowne, lyned wyth wolveringe, 26s. 8d. Two rydinge broade-cloth clocks 26s. 8d. Three paire of hose 10s. One olde mappe, a painted

prived in 1553, on the accession of Queen Mary, he was restored in 1559, and died in 1578.

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cloth, and a border 12d. Two flaskets for bearinge lynninge clothes 6d. *All hir apparrell.* Three gownes 3*l.* Two stammell peticotes 20s. One kirtle of grogeringe, a fore kirtle of chamlete, one broad-cloth kirtle, two savegards, one clocke, and a worset kirtle 34s. Two silke thromed hatts, three velvet night cappes, a foure corned capp, three felt hatts, and one taffitie hatt, 15s. iij smocks, xij patclothes, three paire of handruffes, three courchers, v crosse clothes, a worsett apperin, two lynne apperings, and a straken apperin 26s. 8d. Powdered beife 10s. In redye coine 30*l.* Henrye Hancocke, of Seacroft, in Yorkeshire, owes her 30*l.* Owen by Mr. Whitacars, parson of Thornehill, in Yorkshire, 28s. *Plaite gyven as legacies.* Foure white spones, two beckers 3*l.* 9s. 4d. Two bigge goblettes, parcell gilt, 6*l.* 10s. 8d. One litle goblett, parcell gilt, 42s. 6d. One psalte with a cover, parcell gilt, 42s. 6d. One psalt, dubble gilt, with cover, 3*l.* 0s. 6d. xviij silver spones 5*l.* 3s. 6d.

Summe of all, debtes and legaces deducted, 173*l.* 9s. 7d.

XXXI. TESTAMENTUM JACOBI COLE DE GATESYDE.

March 20, 1582. James Coll,* of Gaytsyd, within the countye of Durham, smyth. To be buryed within my parishe churche of Gaytsyd. To the por mane's boxe of this parishe 10s., and to gev unto the pore in the towne, as my wyf do se occasion, 20s. To my wyf Jan Coll, the house that I dwell in, duringe hir life, and then to my eldest sone Raufe Cole, and his heaires, and failing them to my sone Rychard, then to my sone Thomas, and then to my sone Nycholas, and his heaires, for ever. To my sone Nycholas Coll, the house he dwelleth in. To my eldest sone Rauf Coll, for his porcion, 52*l.* 18s., which he is owinge me: mor I gev unto hymn on owld ryell. To my sone Nycholas Coll, for his porcion, 20*l.*, and my quarter of my quarell, with the worcking ger to yt. To my son Rychard Coll, for his porcion, 20*l.*, and iiij angelles. To James Coll, Nycholas Coll sone, 3*l* 6s. 8d., and to Rauf and Jenett† Coll, to either of them, 20s. To Robert Coll, my sone Rauf Coll sone, 20s. To my daughter Jan Coll an angell. To my sister Annes Mylborn 20s.

* The first recorded member of a family, which, through trade in Newcastle, became wealthy, and which, on account of its loyalty, as well as of its wealth, obtained the honour of a baronetcy, created by Charles I. in 1640, in the person of Nicholas Cole, the testator's great grandson, then of Branspeth, the ancient lordship of the Nevilles. The inventory of the testator's son Ralph is printed in this volume.

† Children of his son Nicholas. Ralph became a merchant in Newcastle, and was sheriff 1625, and mayor 1633.

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To my sister son, Robert Mylborne, 10s. To Christobell Tyndell, my sister doughter, 5s. To Edwoord Howetson, my sister sone, my bellyes, and stedye hamers, tooynges, and nayll-toylves, and all my shoinge gear. To my servant Henry Houton 12d. To Edward Coll 12d. To Margaret Hethe 12d. To Esbell Pattisson 12d. To my sone Rychard Coll 10*l.* To my sone Thomas Coll 10*l.* The resydew to my wyf Jan Coll. [Pr. May 16, 1583.]

Inv. Sept. 23, 1583. *In the shoppe.* Two paire of bellis, j aembylde, with hammers, tonges, and all other geare belonginge to the shope, 46s. 8d. Eighty and foure dosen new horse shoes 4*l.* 4s. vj thowsand horse-shoe naills 24s. vj hondert hetche naills 3s. xv hondert latt brods 6s. xij hondreth tyngle naills 5s. ij hondrethe single tack naills 2s. 4d. xxvij dosen wayne clowts 3*l.* 6s. 8d. xix wynd bandes for whealls 2s. 4d. xlij stone of Ynglishe yron 42s. lxv stone of old yron 56s. At the Byshopes staithe, and at Heworth staithe, one hundreth and one chalder of grynd stones 35*l.* 7s. xxx fyre daylls 20s. ij barrells of salmon 6*l.* v salmon sheates for nets &c. 20s. In moneye and gold 5*l.* 10s. One fishinge bote, with a fishinge net and a half, and all thinges theirto belonginge, 40s. One lease of a house, j lease of a close, and j lease of a fyshinge, 10*l.*

XXXII. THOMAS CRAW,* OF MORPETHE, MARCHANNT.

Inv. Feb. 19, 1582-3. In kyd skynnes 16d. *His shopp.* A quarter of a hunderethe hoppes 5s. A stoonne and a halfe of lint 6s. A firkinge of sooppe 9s. xix payres of mans stockinges 16s. viij payres of mans stockyngs 8s. Fyve dosen of womans hosse 40s. x yerdes of read mockyadey 10s. xij yeards of read mockyadey 16s. Thre dosin and fower yeardes of fusheon 26s. Fower dosin of doble mockyedey 55s. A peece of whit fussheon 10s. Fower dosin vj yerdes of fussheon 24s. xvj yerdes of canvis 18s. xiij yerdes of clothe 16s. x yerdes of bult clothe 4s. Eight hattes 8s. A dosin and a halfe of mans cappes 12s. A dosin womans cappes 17s. Three groosse of silke poynts 6s. Twoo

* In his will, pr. May 16, 1583, he leaves his wife Isabel his dwelling-house, with remainder to his son John, whom he places in the care of his mother Jane. He leaves Eleanor Mitford 3s. 4d.

His mother in her will, dat. Jan. 18, 1585-6, is described as "Jaine Crawe, lait wife of John Crawe, of Morpethe, disceased, gentlewoman. To my cosine Robert Midford, of Midford, gent., the tuicion of John, sonne of Thomas Crawe, deceased. My insight geare to be devidid amongest my power freindes." Witnesses, Robert Medford, Roger Fenwick, Thomas Ogle &c.

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pound of frynges 5s. Fyve purses of silke channdged 12d. Fyve blew cappes 2s. 8d. Thre groosse and thre dosin of laisse 10s. Twoo pound of pepper 4s. xiiij yerdes of course bwlte clothe 3s. xiiij dosin of narrow laisse 4s. In great raysings and asnesseads 5s. Six dosin brood laices 6s. A pound of read waxe 8s. A dosin promers and a dosin pen-horns 4s. In beltes and skeenne 4s. In blacke, read, and blew threed 4s. In pen-sheathes and inc-horns 12d. In paper 2s. 8d. In copper naille 2s. Twoo dosin and a half of belts 2s. 6d. In parchement 5s. A dosin of hempe 5s. Halfe a dozen of lint 3s. In lether beltes and purses 2s. Six covers for steall cappes 2s. In freces 6s. Fyve yerdes of course carsey 7s. A great chist 6s. 8d. For sheep skinnes, more then is above exspressed, 4*l*. In velvet and taffatye 15s. Moore in velvat and taffatye 15s. Moore in debtes 3*l*. 10s.

XXXIII. JOHN SOTHEREN,* OF NEWCASTELL-UPON-TYNE, MERCHANT.

INVENTARIE. July 3, 1582. One skonce of wayneskott 16d. One pair of lyinge yron, one paire of hinginge yron &c. 33s. 4d. Two bill staves 5s. Fower pare of strakin shettes 16s. ij pare of canvis shetts 20s. Two bowes and a quiver 12s. A lynt whell, and a pare of yearne windles 2s. 6d. Thre curtens with fleers 40s. One coffer of dys 6s. ij painted hallens 3s. 4d. *His apperrell.* On new taffitie dublett 20s. On new grogerie dublett, and a pare of grogerie britches 20s. On pare of stockens, and ij dubletts 6s. 8d. iiij pare of worne britches 10s. On taffitie jackett, laid with silke lace, 20s. On chamlett jackett, garded with velvett, and on grogerie jackett, layd with lace, 26s. 8d. iij worne jacketts of clothe 10s. On fine blacke cloke, laid with lace, 46s. 8d. On new russatt cloke 20s. On gowne, furred with bugg, and laid with lace, 40s. On gowne, furred with coney, 20s. One gowne of shepes colored russett 20s. On cote of plate 10s. *The ile house.* One wort-tub and a gilefatt 16d. *In the seller.* On windinge bord 2s. 6d. On hundred and a halfe of prones 18s. On hogsehead of vinicar, and a hogsehead of vargisse 20s. ij barrells of picke 8s. *In the great shopp.* Fower

* In his will, dated May 16, 1582, he leaves his house to his wife Florence, and then to his sons Thomas, Nicholas, and John, in succession. His brother William Sotheran owes him 20*l*., he gives this to his brother's sons, Rowland, Roger, Robert, and Cuthbert. To his nephew William Sotheran 6*l* 13s. 4d. His father-in-law Robert Robinson, his brother-in-law Ralph Harle, and his children James Harle, and Margaret Harle, his cousin Thomas Horsley. Nicholas Hedley, George Farnaby, and Thomas Horsley, supervisors. [Pr. June 11, 1583.]

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waynescott chistes 24s. iij pare of small skales, with balkes, 12s. On hogeshead with vinicar 4s. On hundreth and a halfe of allam 30s. iiij stone of lynt 13s. 4d. One barrell of honye 3*l.* xxij pare of wollen cardes 13s. 4d. xxx yeardes of bleashed hardene 12s. 6d. xxx yeardes of lyn clothe 20s. xxij yeardes of unbleashed lyne 14s. 8d. vj yeards of gray russet 6s. vij pound of narrowe inckell 18s. iij pound of pipinge threde 15s. ij dosen white sewinge skene 46s. Five pound read threde, and eight pound of blacke threde 14s. xvij bolts of black threde 34s. Eight pound of blewe threde 10s. Three remes of paper 10s. iij quarters of an hundred currance 20s. On dosen and a halfe plainge cardes 2s. Three brusshes 4s. On pound of russett silke 20s. On pound and a half cloves 10s. On quarter of a pound mase 3s. 4d. x pound of pepper 22s. 4d. x yeardes of jan fusten 7s. 6d. x yeardes of grogerie 26s. 8d. On grosse of pinnes 5s. Halfe a yeard and halfe a quarter of velvat 10s. xviij yeardes of grene and rede say 36s. On pound of mockeadowe croles 16d. ix yeardes of hollen clothe 27s. xj yeardes of hollen clothe 22s. xij yeardes of hollen clothe 20s. xiiij yeardes of corse lyn clothe 11s. 8d. xviij yeardes of fyne dyaper 40s. xviij yeardes of narrowe dyaper for napkins 24s. *In the iron shopp.* Twentye stone of iron 23s. 4d. On hundred hoppes 20s. On yron chimley 7s. Two yea-bawkes, and ij pare of skales 12s. iij halfe hundred weights, iiij quarteres, and iij halfe quarteres 20s. *In the hie loft at the windowes.* Five chalder of beanes 15*l.* viij chalder of rye 32*l.* xvj bowles of white rye 4*l* 8s. On barrell of swete sope 46s. 8d. *In the seller at the windowes.* Fowerteen barrells of picke 4*l.* 4s. On hogshead of vergishe 13s. 4d. x barrells, and iij firkens of soppe 21*l.* 10s. ij hundred rossell 14s. On pocke of hoppes, weainge iiij hundreth, 4*l.* vj Danske dayles 9s. The third parte of an hogeshead and two tarces of wine 40s. iiij bunshes of lates 2s. 8d. Five bunches of trenyles 3s. 4d. The third parte of five oers 3s. 4d. *In a loft of George Farnabies in Grindon chare.* One hundred one score and fower salt fishe 3*l.* 6s. 8d. *Plaite and jeweles.* On goblett with a coveringe, duble gilt, weainge xxxv ounces and a halfe, at 5s. an ounce, 8*l.* 17s. 6d. On silver pote with a coveringe, duble gilt, weainge xvj ounces and a halfe, at 5s. an ounce, 4*l.* 2s. 6d. On salt with a coveringe, doble gilt, weainge vj ounces and thre quarteres, at 5s. an ounce, 33s. 9d. On goblett, parcell gilt, weainge xv ounces and a halfe, at 4s. 8d. an ounce, 3*l.* 12s. 4d. On dosen spones with apostles heads, weainge xxxv ounces, 5*l.* 16s. 8d. Halfe a dosen spones, weainge vj ounces, 24s. In redie monie 72*l.* *Goods at Heworth.* On gray horse, goinge in Branspeth park, 8*l.* On blacke horse,

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goinge in Branspeth parke, 3*l.* On gray horse, goinge in Brandyll park, 3*l.* The third parte of the Charitie is praysed to 183*l.* 6s. 8d. On quarter and halfe a quarter of the James is praysed to 127*l.* 10s. The goods comed from Flanders 60*l.* The goods commed from Elvinge 158*l.* 13s. 4d. The coles at Harshaw 20*l.* 2s. 6d. The town is owen me for lead 6*l.* 15s. Paid for my part of a lease, which I should have, of the cole mine of Whickam 21*l.* There is owen unto me, as appeareth by my debte bookes, 238*l.* 6s. Commed home with the James in redie monie 60*l.* Summa totalis 1355*l.* 6s. 1d. He owes to John Lockewood, of Wakefeild, cloyther, for clothe, 81*l.* 6s. 8d. To Mr. Hodgeson, for canvis, 33s. 4d. For charges of corne, boughte in Norfolke, 4*l.* Funerall expences, at the arvell dinner of the said John Sotheren, and at his buriall, 20*l.* Payed to the poore people 40s. Payed in legaces 19*l.* 6s.

XXXIV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ MORTON.

Jan. 16, 1581. Thomas Morton,* of Her Majesties towne of Barwick, alderman. I doe make and ordeyne my twoe sonnes, George Morton and William Morton, my lawfull executors, and I geve unto my saide twoe sonnes all my goodes, to be equallie devided betwext them, and my landes also with waters, and I will that they shall have and enjoy all suche debtes as is owinge unto me any way accordinglye. Witnesses, Mr. John Selby, gentleman porter, and Mr. John Denton. Allwaies provided, that my former guifte geven and willed, under my hande, unto my servannte, Jenett Byars, shall stande and be fully performed, withoute any ympeachment or gaynsayenge. I geve unto my

* A member of a wealthy and numerous family of merchants at Berwick, of which town many were aldermen and mayors. George Morton, alderman of Berwick, purchased of Thomas Carr, of Ford, in 1501, the estate of Murton, which the Mortons before that time had farmed. I give an abstract of the wills of two relatives of the testator, the first probably his uncle, the last his brother. (1.) Oct. 29, 1 Eliz. Matthew Murton.—To be buried in the parish church of Tweedmouth. I make my executors my welbeloved friend Thomas Bradfurth, my wife, and my son Thomas Murton. I owe to Mrs. Heron for Antwaterstell this year to come 20s.; she hath my bill for four barrells of salmon, and I must have of her, this year following, a cobble of Elstell, and a coble of Elstellsee. To my brother William Murton four markes. My house in Sandgate to my wife, for her life, then to my son Thomas, and then to the next Murton of my kin. (2.) Jan. 14, 1574-5. George Morton, of Berwick, alderman.—To my eldest son George and his heirs my ceit or steid of Morton, in Norhamshier, and my burgage, in which I nowe dwel. My late cousin Matthew Morton. My houses in Berwick to my younger son Leonard. My wife Jane to have Morton for life. To Cuthbert Morton 40*l.* My daughter Phillis Mortoft. My brother Thomas Morton. My late sister Mrs. Porter.

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sister, Mrs. Claveringe,* the chamber wherein Thomas Webber nowe dwelleth, with the seller, duringe her natarall life; and further sayeth, that the saide chamber and seller dothe lye unto him for xx markes. I will that George Morton, the basterde, shall have 20s. a yere, oute of the house, wherein Henry Strother nowe dwelleth, for the terme of three yeres, nexte ensewinge after my deceasse. Witnesses, John Selbye, John Denton, Barnarde Vincent, John Fawrsyde, William Simpson, Richarde Wood. Per me Petrum Fareley. [Pr. June, 14, 1583.]

Inv. *In the hall.* On irone chemnay, j crooke, j porre, j payr of tonges, j payr of jebcrookes, j payr of standinge rakes 20s. On drawinge table of wallnutree 26s. On ould carpet upon the table, j cobbord 16s. iij chaires 3s. On longe table and a frame, and j carpet of tapestry worke 4s. ix coshens 6s. On great chest 7s. On clocke, a joyned caus for glasses 20d. Thre hangine pictors of Flanders work 4s. On payr of tabells 2s. iiij joyned stoulles 2s. 8d. On hangine flower candlesticke 16s. Thre gallone pottes 6s. ij pottell pottes, on William and on George, on quart pot 6d. ij pynt pottes 6d. On ould laver and a basine 12d. vj candelstickes 4s. iij plateres 4s. On old skrene, j fether-bed, j bolster, j matris, j payre of blancketes, j old coverlett, 30s. Tenne silver spoons *(blank)*. *In the chamber.* On fayr wrought bedsted of waynscott 13s. 4d. Downe bed in pawne 3*l.* On twylte under the bed 3s. On bolster 2s. 6d. On payr of blanckettes, j old coverlett, 3s. On fayr presse of wanyscott 2s. In the presse iiij coshenes 6s. 8d. On scarlet gowne, and on blacke gown, garded with velvet, George the on, William the other, a gown of rased velvet black, j ould doblat of reed velvet, a coit of worsed, garded with velvet, j ould doblat of rashe *(blank)*. Two chestes 5s. Platters, xxij, 30s. Pewther dishes, xvj, 13s. 4d. Py plattes, iiij, 2s. Platt trenchers, xvj, 6s. 8d. Sassers, xx, 10s. Thre ould platers and ij old pewder dishes 3s. ix doblers and dishes 8s. ij sascers 10d. On pottendishe *(blank)*. vj candelstickes 6s. A quart pott 6d. Thre ould pynt pottes 8d. On wroughte cobbord 6s. 8d. On old table 8d. ij joyned stoulles 12d. A stolle of ease, j ould matres *(blank)*. ij old bolsters, j codd, ij old pladdes, j iron chemnay, 5s. ij payr of poott hoockes, a fleshe hoocke, 4d. A baster of irone 2d. ij brasse potts 2s. 6d. A posnet pott 16d. ij panes

* His sister's will is dated March 6, 1596-7. Felles Claveringe, of Berwick, widow of Thomas Clavering. To be buried in the church of Norham. My friends George and William Morton, and Bartly Bradforth, burgess, executors. My kinsmen Leonard, Robert, and Richard Morton. Legacies to Grace Forster, Jane Forster, Phillis Swinhoe, Phillis Strodare, Ellen Morton, Ellen Armorar, Nicholas Bartye, Robert Bradforth, Thomas Clavering, and William Morton's daughter. Witness, Cicily wife of Edward Conyers.

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16d. A dropyn pane 18d. A fryine pane 6d. One speit 16d. A great brase morter and pestell, j old lantherin, 6s. *In on of the upper chambers.* Two bedsteads 6s. 8d. On downe bed, j bolster, j blankett in Capten Waucker hand *(blank).* Two ould pladdes 3s. On ould coverine 12d. On lyttell closse table round 2s. 8d. iij chestes, wherin is sertayne lynyne in two of theme, *(blank).* Two great brase pootts, j great brase kettle 3s. 4d. A great brase laver 18d. ij joyned stolles *(blank).* iij spettes 2s. 6d. A broken halbarde *(blank).* A ould frame of a chaire *(blank).* A payr of polrons *(blank).* ij collers, j burgenet *(blank).* In the great cheste, fyve payre of blanckettes 12s. 6d. Two oversye coverings, ether of them on fyve lyttle coddes, 20d. *In the southe chamber above.* Two bedsteads 10s. ij fether-bedes, ij bolsters, iij coddes, ij payre of blanckettes, j matrys, iiij pladdes, j old coveringe, 50s. On pair of curtings, and the teaster of reed and grene saye, 6s. 8d. On great chaire of waynscot 3s. 4d. A lesser chaire 12d. A table 2s. 6d. iij joyned stolles 18d. On lyttle forme 6d. *In the backe chamber.* A wroughte bedsted of waynscot, with the hurl bed and the forme, 20s. On downe bed, a bolster, a pair of blanckettes, a coverlett, an oversee coveringe, a pair of courtinges, and valance of blewe and yellow, 8*l.* 10s. iij grene hangers for the wyndowes *(blank).* A tryndell bedsted, a fether-bed, a bolster, a pair of blanckettes, a plad *(blank).* j old coveringe, and a tabell, with a coveringe of grene, 6s. viij lyttell grene coshens, j chair, an old long settell, 2s. 6d. ij formes, an irone chemnay, a pair of tonges, a joyned stolle, 3s. 4d. *In the south chamber backe.* A fair bedsted of waynskott 13s. A fether-bed, a matrys, a bolster, a downe codde, a pair of blanckettes, j ould plade, j oversee coveringe *(blank).* iij hanginges of reed and grene *(blank).* A lyttell trondell bedstede 6s. On payr of blanckettes, a codd, a bolster, ij ould coverlettes, a pladde *(blank).* *In the haye lofte.* Thre waynscott 4s. 6d. A peice of old oken tymber 6d. *The stabell.* iij ould fattes. *In the backsyd.* Thre pesses of tymeber 6s. 6d. A lyttle mast 20d. *In the bouting house.* Sevin ould tubes *(blank).* Fower peaces of old tember *(blank).* ✠

XXXV. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI STROWTHER.

Dec. 9, 1582. I, Harrie Strowther,* sound and perfect in mind, thoughe sicke and feble in bodye, do mak this my last

* A member of the ancient Northumberland family of Strother, and a soldier in the garrison at Berwick. Aristotle Knowsley, mentioned in the will, was a schoolmaster in the town. He died in 1628, leaving a son John Knowsley, B.D., vicar of Tansore, co. Northampton.

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will and testament. First, I bequeath my soule unto God, stedfastlye hopinge, that the same shall enjoy eternall blysse, thorowe the merits of Jhesus Christ, my Savior; next my body to the earth, whither out it came; and thirdly my monie and goods as hereafter followeth. I maike Gilbart Tall my full and sole executor, as well to receave what is owinge me, as also to discharge and pay what I owe. I gyve unto my brother George Strowther 20*l.*, and also my violett cloke, which he shall receave after my debts be paid. To Mr. Lancelott Strowther a gold ringe, with a redd stone in. To Aristotle Knowsley and John Tall 4*l.* To Mrs. Tall a gold ringe. To Mrs. Pickman thre sylver spoones. To William, Thomas, and Clement Strother, eache of them a silver spone. I gyve frelye unto my captaine all that I have good in his hand, savinge that he gyve unto John Tall 40s., more I gyve unto my captaine a gilt moryan. In gevinge all that I have good to my captaine, I except the tyckett of 14*l.*, which he hath geven out. Debtes to be receaved. Of Thomas Burrel, due at Martlemas last, 40s. Of Harrie Golborne 20s. Of William Lyle 40s. Of Harrie Smythe, upon a sword, 8s. Of the yonge lord of Newton, Mr. John Strowther, which I do forgeve, 32s. 6d. Witnesses hereof, Anthoni Cariswall, William Joynes, John Tall, A. Knowsley. [Pr. June 14, 1583.]

Inv. Thre shertes 6s. 8d. Two dublets 10s. Two payre of britches 12s. Two paire of stockinges 3s. Two paire of shoes 16d. On hatt 2s. On morion 5s. On peace with j flaske and touch-boxe 6s. 8d. On sworde 2s. 6d. Two gold ringes 20s. Sixe silver spoones 26s. 8d. A saddle 2s. On payre of bootes 12d. ✠

XXXVI. MARIONE CHAPMAN* OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, WEDOWE.

[Date wanting. Will proved June 30, 1583.] One still-

* This lady was connected, both by birth and marriage, with some of the wealthiest mercantile families of Newcastle. She was the daughter of Henry Anderson, mayor 1530, 1539, 1542 and 1546, and his wife Anne, daughter of Robert Orde. Her husband was Oswald Chapman, sheriff 1545, mayor 1558. His will is dated Oct. 6, 1566. He desires to be buried in St. Nicholas Church, "before the revestri dore, as nighe unto my frende as may be." His wife Maryon sole executrix, and she to give to each of his sons 5*l.* 13s. 4d., which was their grandfather's gift. His sons Ralph and Thomas, and his daughter Agnes Nicholson, have had their legacies already. To his wife "my howse, with cellar and parlar and packinge lofte, with backsyd, garden and orchard, with the reste of my howses in Newcastell, my wheitt rente in Gatishede, the owmers within the parishe of Gatishede, and bothe my salte pannes in Willingtone feildes." To Henry his son "the owmers," after his mother's death, he paying to his brother Ralph 46s. 8d. a year, "by the seighte of my trustie and welbeloved brethren-in-

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atory 5s. Fower readd bassones 10s. One whit bassone 2s. Fower clames 2s. Thre glasse flasketes 3s. *The lyninge.* Two dyaper borde clothes 26s. 8d. Nine lyninge bord clothes 33s. 4d. One drisser clothe 2s. Fower diper towelles 10s. Nine lynninge towelles 10s. xiij codde pyllabeares 20s. Thre hedsheates of callicowe with seames 10s. Thre head sheates 6s. viij paire and one sheate of lynne 40s. v paire and one odd sheate of strakins 16s. 8d. Nine paire of harden sheatts 18s. xj napkins of damaske 14s. Two dozen diper napkins 24s. vij dozen and a half of clothe napkins 40s. Thre kirchiffes of holande 10s. Thre kirchiffes of camricke 10s. Thre round kirchiffes 2s. viij yeardes of lynne clothe 6s. 8d. One yard and thre quarters strackens 8s. xviij yeardes of harden 7s. 6d. One harden webe at the wevers 4s. xiij hespes of lyne yarne 10s. *The wollinge.* On gowen, garded with velvete, of brod-cloth 4*l.* One gowen of brode-cloth, garded with velvete, 20s. One gogren gowne, with two gardes of vellvete, 3*l.* One satten kirtle, with thre gardes of velvete, 3*l.* One damaske kirtle, with two gardes of velvete, 30s. One worsite kirtell, with one garde, beinge a olde one, 5s. Two old kirtelles of brod-cloth, garded with velvete, 10s. One old kassocke of brod-cloth, with belimonte lace and frynge, 10s. Two brod-cloth clockes 5s. Two hates, j cappe, and j stomacher, all of vellvete, 30s. One bongrace of vellvete 2s. One girdle, with a bead and a pendreth of silver, doble gilte, 20s. One paire of sylver crockes, doble gilt, 2s. 6d. One saten pourse, with knopes of golde, 5s. One lytell pourse of cloth of gold 2s. One border of a story of Herod persecutinge Christe and the children in Jury 15s. One reed peticote of brod-cloth 3s. 4d. *The plaite.* One standinge cuppe with a cover, doble gilte, xxv ounces, at 6s. 8d. the ounce, 8*l.* 6s. 8d. One lytell pece without a cover, doble gilte, wainge xij ounces and a quarter, 4*l.* One sylver poote with a cover, parcell gilte, wainge xij ounces and a quarter,

lawe Bartram Anderson and Christofer Mytforde, also the howse I dwelle in, whiche is in the Close, &c., my backsyd, wher my coles lye, and a greate pece of the west parte of my orchard, I bought of Mr. Henrie Anderson, my father-in-lawe. To my sone Oswold my whyt rent in Gatishede, I bought yt of Lawrence Fooberye, yt is 5s. 4d. by yere, also my howse standinge on the Tute hyll. To my sone Mathewe my howse in Pilgrim Strete, standing at the heade of the Paynter heuge, wherin widow Collingwood dwelleth, payinge yerelye the head lorde. To my sone Robart my howse in Jayvelgraye, wherin William Anderson, merchante, dwellethe. To my doughter Emat the howse, my aunt Orde dwells in, nexte to my owne dwellinge howse. Bartram Anderson and Christofer Mytforde executors."

His widow's will was proved June 30, 1583. "Marione Chapman, of Newcastell, wedowe. To my sonne Mathewe 100*l.* To my daughter Emat all my howseholde stuffe and my plaite. To Mathewe Chapman's fower sonnes and one doughter 4*l.* a pece. To my sonne-in-law Roger Nicholson and his wyf Jane, ther fower younger daughters 5*l.* a pece, and to his two elder daughters 20s. a pece. To my sister Mytfourde 13s. 4d. My sonne Harrye Chapman executor."

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at 5s. the ounce, 3*l.* 15s. One sylver goblete, parcell gilte, weainge xviij ounces scante, at 5s. 4d. the ounce, 4*l.* 16s. One sylver salte with a cover, doble gilte, wainge x ounces thre quarters, 4*l.* One dozen sylver sponnes, of the wylld man, gylte on the endes, weainge xvj ounces thre quarters, at 5s, 4*l.* 3s. 4d. xj sylver sponnes with lyone knopes, gilte at the endes, wainge xvj ounces and a half, 52s. vj sylver sponnes, wainge v ounces thre quarters and a half, at 4s. 4d., 25s. 5d. A lytell tablete and a ringe of goulde 50s. ij foders and a halfe of leade 20*l.* A pece of leade, waienge xvj stone, 13s. 6d. xx foders of leade at 7*l.* 10s. the foder, 150*l.* xx wares of white salte, at 23s. the ware, 20*l.* ix temmes of Elswicke colles, at 35s. the temm, 15*l.* 15s. Monye oweinge to her 28*l.* 7s. 8d. The some of all is 359*l.* 5s. 3d.

XXXVII. TESTAMENTUM LANCELOTI THIRLEWELL.

Dec. 27, 1582. Lancelot Thirlwall.* To be buryed within the parishe churche of Hawtwissel, where my annsitors dothe lye. To my wiffe, for a token, my gray nage. Item, there is sartayn instrumentes that I will and bequethe, as heirloomes, to the house of Thirwall, and to the lord therof, that is to saye, a stand bed in the low parler, a great arke standinge in the hie lofte over the hall, a long speat, a payre of rackes, and a great potte. To my sonne Robart all my tytle and intrest of the receavershippe of Hexhamshire, and xx lambes. To my sonne Richard xx lambes, and a meare whiche I have delyvered hym. To my sonne Raphe a baye nage, which is allredye named to be his owne. To my sonne William a spangde cowe, which was with Thomas Bee. To my sonne George, a gray fillye, which is named to be his owne. To my dowghter Jennatt a spangde whie, whiche is at the Lamsheill. To the childe that my dowghter Mallye Woodthrington† is withall, if it be a man childe a wether, or 6s. 8d. to buy hym a fole withall, if it be a dowgter a yow

* A scion of an old border house, which was designated after the district, through which the great Roman wall of Hadrian passed, and hence its name. The family had declined in wealth and consequence, though still intermarrying among the gentry of Tyndale. The testator, who died during the life time of his father, was the son of Robert Thirlwall, of Thirlwall, co. Northumberland, esq. and his wife Eleanor, daughter of Alexander Featherstonhaugh, esq., of Featherstonhaugh. He married Thomas daughter of Sir George Heron, knt., of Chipchase.

† The wife of Roger Widdrington, of Colwell and Little Swinburne gentleman. His inventory is dated Feb. 16, 1596-7, and amounted to 79*l.* 13s. 4d. Administration of his goods was granted, Dec. 20, 1597, to Lewis Widdrington (of Cheesburne Grange) and Richard Thirllway, his next of kin, to the use of Henry, Robert, Agnes, Margaret, and Margery his children.

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and a lambe. To my wiffe the full thrids of all my movable goods, with all the full right and duetye of all my inheritance. To my sonne Robart a stack of rye, and a stack of otes, at the Lamsheill, in consideration of the payment of my brother John Thirwall's debtes. To my sonne Richard my right of my brother John Thirwall's inheritannce, accordinge to his will. To my sonne Raphe the tytle I have of the Overhall. My tytle of the teythe corne of Thirlwall to my sonne Robart and my wyffe, and to suche as hathe the maintenannce of the house of Thirlwall, accordinge to th'aunsiant custome therof. To my sonne Georg a rigde cowe, whiche he callithe his owne. To my wiffe and my sonne Robart the postshippe of Thirlwall, towardes the maintenance of the house, withe the mylne and Farlam walls, and my wiffe to remayne cheif in the manor house of Thirlwall, untill Newbiggen fall, or some other thinge that she can be content withall. The rest of my goodes &c., to Thomasyne Thirlwall, my wiffe, Robart, Richard, Raphe, William and George Thirlwall, my sonnes, Elizabethe, Ussaley and Jennat Thirlwall, my dowghters, whome I make my executors. Supervisors, Mr. John Heron, of Chipchase, Roger Heron, of Byrtley, Couthbart Heron, of Chipchase, my father Robart Thirlwall, Mr. Allixander Fetherston, of Fetherstonhaughe, Roger Woodthrington, of Litle Swinburne, Mighell Musgrave, of Plumpton, and Thomas Bee, of Bradwood Hall. To the maintenance of the churche of Hawtwissell a yow or 4s. Witnesses, Roger Woodthrington, John Carrocke, William Carrocke, Robert Steall and Tomas Bee, writer herof. [Pr. Oct. 21, 1583].

Inv. Jan. 4, 1582-3. A graye nagge iiij markes. A dunne gray meare 30s. A grey meare 20s. A bay nage 20s. A gray fillye 10s. xij oxen 13*l.* iij stottes 45s. xiiij kyne 14*l.* iij quyes 42s. ij yonge branded stottes 33s. 4d. vij stirkes 3*l.* 10s. x yonge stirkes 33s. 4d. a bull 13s. 4d. at the Lamsheill. ij oxen 33s. 4d. More at the Lamsheill, iij yonge noutt 40s. A bull stirk 5s. ij frisknettes, that is to saye a stotte and a quye, 5s. Fyve score and thre olde sheepe 17*l.* 3s. 4d. xvj shepe hogges 26s. 8d. xxiij ould gaytt 38s. 4d. iiij gaytt keedes 4s. xij swyne 30s. iiij hyves of bees 8s. xl lames 3*l.* *Insight geare.* Two fetherbedes 13s. 4d. ij mattresses 5s. v coverlettes 12s. 6d. ix happinges 18s. v payre of blankettes 20s. iiij payre of lynne sheetes 24s. viij payre of round sheetes 24s. vj boullsters 8s. ij pillowes 2s. 6d. ij brasse pottes 12s. One cawdron 8s. One cettle 4s. iiij pannes 4s. j frienge panne 12d. ij iren speetes 3s. 4d. j droppinge panne 16d. xxiiij pece of pewder vessell 20s. ij salltes 20d. iiij candlestickes 3s. 4d. iij lynne bord clothes 6s. ij towells 2s. viij table napkins 2s. 8d. j ammerye

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10s. ij crookes 2s. j rostinge iren and a girdle 2s. 8d. j payre of tonges 8d. iij window clothes 6s. iiij seckes 3s. 4d. iiij wallettes 20d. *Plewe geare.* Thre waynes and a carte 23s. 4d. j sledd 12d. x yokes 3s. 4d. iiij iren sowmes 4s. ij plowes and there irens 5s. In corne berryed and unberyed 10*l.* In hay 20s. In corne sowne of the ground 50s. ij chistes and litle trindle bedde, a cuppebord and a presser 13s. iij beddsteedes 6s. iij beedsteedes 3s. iij wood vessell 10s. His owne apparell 46s. 8d. At Lamsheill, a stack of rye, and iiij bowlls of rye 3*l.* ix bowlles of otes at Lamsheill 26s. 8d. The harde corne of the ground at Lamsheill 3*l.* A arke at Lamsheill 10s. ij hyves of bees 4s. *A debetorye of Lancelote Thirllwall.* To Roger Nicollson, of Newcastell, for viij score of lynte, 40s. A firkyn of sope 12s. A mellynne pott 5s. 7d. For iren to the service of the house 12s. 4d. For iiij stone of lynt, to Roger Woodthrinton's wiffe, 20s. To the baliffe of Hexham, for a bowll of whete, 12s. To Richart Carre, of Hexham, 22s. 6d. To Robert Steill, for a nage, 14s. 8d. To John Smythe 4s. To William Gouerlay 6s. To William Ridley, of Hawtwissell, 3s. 4d. To the preist of Hexham, for teithe corne of Lammesheill, 3s. 4d. To the preist of Allanton, for William scolle hyre, 12d. To Mighell Atkynson, smythe, 6d. To Mr. Ridley, for iij yeares rent of the teythe corne of Thirllwal, come Lames next, 40s. To Gilbart Robson, of Hexham, 13s. To Edmond Burdos, sadler, 16d. To John Sparke, of Hexham, 2s. 8d. *Dette owinge Lancelot Thirllwall at his deathe.* In the hands of John Bradwood, of Allendell, 10s. In the hands of Thomas Johnson and George Bryden, for ij stone of lynt, 10s. ✠

XXXVIII. JOHN THOMPSONE, OF NEWTONE BEWLEYE, HUSBANDMANE.

Inventory. Nov. 5, 1583. One spence 5s. One cubborde 33s. 4d. One cawell hamerie 26s. 8d. j table, iiij formes and ij chaires 8s. 8d. Of pewder vessell, xviij platers, chargers and dishes 23s. 4d. Thre potengers, iij saltes, and ix saucers 6s. Fyve brasse pottes and j yetlinge 31s. 4d. One cawdron, ij kettells, iij little pannes, v candellstikes, j girdles for bakinge of cakes, j speite, j pair of irrone tonges, j pair of irrone rackes, ij reckine crokes and a fyinge panne 39s. 10d. Fyve skeiles, j nettinge bowle, j litle knope tubbe, xij mylke bowles, viij cheise pottes, ij knedinge tubbes, j maskinge fatte, j guylinge fatte, j worte tubbe, and j worte stone 12s. 4d. His apperrell, bowtes and spoures 20s. One coote of plate, one steile cappe, one

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sworde, one daggere, one bill staffe, one lannce stafe, one bowe, xij arrowes 23s. One stand bedd with postes, two others, 8s. xv lyninge sheites 43s. 4d. xj paire of harne sheites 33s. 4d. xiiij pillowbeares 12s. ix lynnen towells and two of dybeare 12s. 4d. One lyninge table cloth, ij of strakins, and j of harne, and iiij table napkins of lyninge, 5s. v yeardes of lyninge 5s. One mattresse 9s. viij fether pillowes and boulsters 11s. v blankettes 15s. vj coverlettes 26s. 8d. ix happens 18s. viij chistes 23s. 8d. One gardner, als an arke, and j other arke, for breade, 16s. One windoweinge clothe, iiij seckes, vj pookes, 11s. Two wheat riddells, j bigge riddell, j grote riddell, ij syves, j pecke, and j bushell, 2s. 8d. One drie tubb, and j other tubbe, for swine meat, 12d. One dosen quissyons 10s. One dossen treen trenchers, and xx treen dishes, 6s. Fower aile pottes, ij standes, j kirne, ij spinninge wheales, ij paire of wollen cardes, and a flackett of woode, 6s. 8d. Nine lbs. of garthe lynt and xvj lbs. of towe 8s. 6d. In unwalked cloth, xiij yeirds of white cearsey, xij yeirds of single white, xv yeirds of rounde white, vj yeards of cottaine, and x yeards of russette, 39s. xv yeards of unbleached lynne 10s. xviij yardes of harne 7s. 6d. One stone of course flocke wool 2s. 6d. One tempse, two heckells, iiij fannes, and one basket, 3s. Two swinglinge stockes with theire swynglinges, two cheise bords, and iij reales, 20d. Two drincking glasses, ij skayles for drinke, one stone pott, one dosen of horne spones, and the hinginges aboute the house, 2s. 6d. Two gallans of honeye, and iij pottes for the same, 8s. iij stone of buttere 9s. In wheate and rye 20*l.* In bygge 8*l.* In ottes 40s. In blandcorne 40s. In pease 10*l.* In winter corne, sowene in the grounde, 8*l.* In heye 8*l.* In cooles, v challdere, 20s. viij oxen 20*l.* 13s. 4d. iij horses and ij meares and j coolte 12*l.* v kye 8*l.* 3s. iiij oxen stirkes 5*l.* iiij calves 32s. xxxij sheipe hogges 5*l.* 6s. 8d. xxj ewes and one toupe 4*l.* 8s. One horse, geven by legacie, 33s. 4d. One kowe, also geven, 27s. xij ewes, also geven, 48s. vij olde swyne and v younger 4*l.* iij cokkes and xvj hennes 6s. iiij geise 2s. x duckes and mallardes 2s. 6d. Two longe waines, j coole waine and ij cowpe waines 26s. 8d. ij paire of bownd wheales 4*l.* 16s. 8d. j paire of wounde wheales 6s. 8d. vij hassell nailes and v lynne pynnes 6s. 8d. iiij plewes, iiij sockes, ij coulters 13s. 4d. vj somes 12s. iiij draughte yokes, ij head yokes and ij newe yokes 6s. 8d. One ox harowe 6s. 8d. ij paire of horse harrowes 3s. 4d. ij paire of horse geire with theire furniture 2s. 6d. iiij muckes fowes, j grape, and sholve, iij spades, and iiij irrone forkes 4s. ij paire of twine roppes 2s. 8d. vj raykes, ij axes, iij womells, ij presers, j paire of pynsers, j hamer and j eiche, with certaine lockerokes,

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3s. iij crokes 2s. shakels and bowltes 18s. ij paire of waine stinges 2s. The old woodd aboute the house 16d. One olde bounde wheale and olde irrone 11s. 8d. xj olde irrone hoopes 6s. 8d. v newe hassell trees 3s. 4d. iij newe waine blades, j coupe waine sole, and other newe woodd 12s. 6d. ij lidders 12d. j mucke hacke, j olde sythe, and in plewe stilltes, plewe heades and gaddes 3s. vj behyves 15s. Summa totalis 167*l.* 5s. *Debtes which the testator dothe owe.* To John Thompsone 10s. To Frances Mettame 6s. 8d. To Robert Sharpe, or to his daughter Anne Sharpe, j kowe, price 33s. 4d. To Thomas Stellinge, iiij bushells of newe maulte, price 6s. 8d., ij buz. of ottes, price 2s, and j buz. of wheat, price 3s. 4d. In rent 5*l.* The funerall expenses 50s. Summa debitorum 20*l.* 2s. Summa totalis, debtes discharged, 147*l.* 3s. ✠

XXXIX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS TONSTALL.

Sep. 8, 1583. Jone Tonstall,* of Longnewton, in the contye of Dorram, gentelman. My bodye to be buried in the chansell at Longnewton, whar the alter stode. I geve to the pour of my parishe of Longnewton 6s. 8d. To the pour of Norton and Stockton 6s. 8d. To the pour of Haughton 6s. 8d. To the mendyng of the cawsey in Longnewton 10s. To Josey Tonstall, my wyffe, my leasse, and all the term of years, that I have in my ferm of Longenewton, durynge the mynorytye of my son, and after, if he and she cannot agree, he to have the hole farm, savinge iiij oxgan, that I geve to hir, in Gylbert fylde, dorynge hir wedohede. To my brother Raffe Tonstall,† th'archdeacon of Northumberland, the brynging upe of Jhon Marley, and his farm in Great Burdon, with his porsion, tristynge that he will helpe him to his ryght. To my doughter Margratt Tonstall‡ 40*l.* To my brother Bryan Tonstall my stonid horse. To my brother Raffe Tonstall one angell for a token, to desier

* The family, of which John Tunstall was a member, claimed descent from the house of Thurland, co. Lancaster. The first who settled in the county of Durham was Anthony Tunstall, bailiff of Stockton-on-Tees. The testator, his third son, by Catherine Newse, married Johanna, daughter of Ralph Rokeby, of Marske, in Cleveland, esq.

† Rector of Croft, co. York. His will was proved at York, March 19, 1610. He leaves to his son Thomas his best guilte bowl, and his bed in the inner chamber at Durham. His sons Robert, Tobie, Thomas, John, William and Daniel. To Elizabeth Tunstall, Anne Gilpin, and Mary Tunstall, daughter of Thomas Tunstall, he leaves 10*l.* to each. Tobie Tunstall's children, Francis, George and Maud, and he leaves to Tobie a quilted cover to be as an heirloom to his son Francis. His executor, Mr. Ralph Tunstall, the younger, clerk.

‡ Afterwards the wife of Francis Hall, of Newsham, co. Durham, esq.

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him to be frendlye to my wyffe and chelder. To my brother Thomas Tonstall 6*l.*, whiche he doo awe me, upon condecion that he shall deliver, or cause to be deliverid, to my son Anthone Tonstall, one sygnit of gowlde, that my uncle Person did geve me, and one silver spon, which was my father's. To my sister Vasey* 3*l.*, the whiche she dothe awe me. To Richarde Rowlinson 3*l.*, the which he doethe awe me. To Raffe Rokebye, of Mask, 10s. To Thomas and Tobyas Tonstall,† eather of them one Franche crown. To Elizabeth Tonstall,‡ and to An Tonstall,‡ eather of them one you and lame. To Frances Tonstall‡ one whye stirke, to make hir one cowe of. To Grace Warde on whye stirke. To every one of my sarvents, that doeth serve me in my househowld, 12d. The resadewe of all my goods, not bequithed, my debts and legasses dischard, I geve to my wyff and my son Anthoney, whom I make my executors of this my last will and testiment. Witnesses, Robert Rokeby, Brian Tunstall, Robert Ward.

Memorandum, that the ixth of Septembre aforesaid, the said John Tonnstall did will, that whereas in his former will, above written, he had legated to his wife fower oxegan in Gilbert feilds, duringe hir wedowehead, that that gifte should be void, and there gave hir halfe of his farmeholde in Longenewton, duringe hir wedowehead, in the presence of Henrie Mawre and Richard Greveson. [Pr. Nov. 23, 1583.]

Inv. Oct. 21, 1583. A stone horse 10*l.* A bey geldinge 3*l.* 6s. 8d. xj horses and maires and thre foles 22*l.* vij turkies 7s. Sextene hennes 5s. 4d. Seventene capones 11s. 6d. Sextene silver spones 5*l.* 6s. 8d. A salte 46s. 6d. Tymber in the streate 40s. A stilletorye 5s. Twelve yokes, a hundreth heads and shares, moutebourds, spades, and shules 20s. A quiver, a crosebowe, and a racke, thre longe fowling peases, vj shelves and a table, xij barrells, xvj dublers, xij puder dishes, vj pottingers and sauthers, 30. Summa 404*l.* 17s. 7d. *Debtes that I do owe.* To John Marley 15*l.* To Anthony Dickson 8*l.* 6s. 8d. To Henry Mawer 10*l.* To Henry Killinghall 3*l.* 3s. *Debts owen to me.* Thomas Jeffrason 12*l.* 8d. My brother Raphe Tunstall 12*l.* 13s. 4d. Thomas Tunstall, of Grange, 4*l.* 10s. Francis Parkinson, of Whesso, 17s. The said Francis Parkinson 6s. 8d. Thomas Wrene, that I lent him, 20s. Henry Martyn 16s. 8d. Cuthbert Gibson, of Consclif, 3*l.* Thomas Elstobb, of Darnton,

* Ursula, wife of John Vasey, of Newlands, co. Durham.

† Sons of his brother Ralph, rector of Croft, and archdeacon of Northumberland.

‡ Daughters of his brother Bryan Tunstall, of Stockton-on-Tees.

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for xvij stone of wole, after 6s. the stone, 5*l.* 2s. Cuthbert Gibson 26s. 8d.

Funeral expenses 26s. 8d. For Michaelmas rent of Long Newton, and the servantes wages, 9*l.* 15s. To two witnesses, for the probacion of the will, 5s. For writing the will and inventory 5s. For the rent of Burdon 6*l.* 20d.

XL. TESTAMENTUM PHILIPPI GRENE.

July 20, 1583. Philloppe Grene, of Morpeth. My bodye to the earth, to be buried in my parishe churche of Morpeth. I gyve to my sone Richard Greane, and the hayres maill of his body, lawffullye begotten, for ever, my howse, which I nowe dwell in, in Morpeth, with all and singuler the appurtenannces, together with thre closes of ground, that is to say, one close lyen at the nether walke myll of Morpeth, one other at the parishange gaitt, and one other close at the Stankeborne, withe the good will of my farmold in Ulghame, at the will and pleasure of the lord, as also my greatt brasse potte, with a meare and foyll, and my furnyture, and apparell, belongen to my bodye, and 15*l.*, for his child's portion. To my sone William Grene, and the hairs mayll of his bodye, lawfulley begotten, for ever, my howse, in Morpeth, standinge upon the lawe, with th'appurtenannces, together with the furthermost close, wiche I purchassed of Gawen Lawson, and that anuall rent of 9s., payable forthe of George Watson house, whiche Jaymes Watson dwelt in, and 15*l.*, for his child's portion. To my dowghter Jane Grene 16*l.*, and 4*l.* worthe of houshold stuffe, by the same raitt as it is prased after my deathe. To my wiff the rentt of the house, which Thomas Robeson dwelleth in, for my yeares, with my yeares of the tynde of Shotten, provided allwayes, and also I will, that my said wiffe Elizabeth Greane shall have the occupation and usinge of all my said houses and closes, beffore bequested to my children, to suche tyme as my said children shall come to leaffull yeares, at the discression of Mr. Franncis Dacres,* and Mr. Nycholes Rydlye,† to whom I have comytted the teuitione of my sonne Richard Grene, trusting they will se hym brought uppe at learning, as my speciall trust is in theym.

* Francis Dacre was the fourth son of William, Lord Dacre, and Elizabeth Talbot. He unsuccessfully contested the Dacre estates with Lord William Howard, and his half-brother, the Earl of Arundell, who married his neices. He was ultimately attainted for high treason, and died in exile.

† Of Willimoteswick. High-sheriff of Northumberland in 1585, in which year he died.

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And further, I do humble crave theme, that they will se my said wiffe and children maynteaned in lawe, for refformation of this crewell murder, comitted upon me by Georg Ogle, John Ogle, sonnes to Jaymes Ogle, of Cawsye, Patrike and Martyne Ogle, of Trittlington, Alexander Ogle, Anthonye Mylborne, withe others, whom I ffullye chardge with my death, hawen no cawsse agaynst me, but that I compared the Dacres bloude to be as goodd as the Ogles.* I comytte the teuition of my sone William Grene, and his child's porcion, to my wiffe. I give to my wiffe the teuition and governmentt of Richard Ridley, and also I gyve my doughter, Jane Greane, to Richard Pye. I give to Jaymes Grene 20s. To Philloppe Mylborne 3s. 4d. To Elizabeth Wheldon 5s. To John Gray a quye stirke. To Mathewe Grene 3s. 4d. The rest of my goodds, unebequested, I give to my wiffe, whome I maik my soill executrixe. I maik Mr. Raffe Whytffell† and Richard Pye supervisours of this my will. Witnesses, Christopher Stoddert and Thomas Fawcus. [Pr. Jan. 8, 1583-4.]

Inv. Oct. 7, 1583. Seven kye and vj calves 7*l.* Fyve oxen 6*l.* A litle naghe, with a meare and a foill, 46s. 8d. Eight younge cattell, yeare-olds, and tuauntays, 60s. ix dicker of leather and a half 31*l.* 13s. 4d. Two dicker of soill lether 8*l.* xx thraves of wheatt, and xxj of oitts, in Ulgham, 4*l.* xx thraves of hardcorne and xxviij of beare, about the towr, 4*l.* 3s. 4d. Two fether-bedds, two mattresses, and ij overse cloths 26s. 8d. Eight coverletts 27s. xv paire of sheatts, wherof x paire lyne, 5*l.* 4s. Sixe pillowes, iiij bowellsters, and iiij codds, 24s. Two payre of blanketts, and fower happens, 14s. vij potts, a possenett, a caudron, and iiij paynnes, 56s. 8d. xxiiij peace of pewder vessell 26s. 8d. xij candlesticks, fower pewder potts, 22s. 8d. A chavendishe, a laver, and two salts, 4s. 8d. Two almeryes and a coupbourd 66s. 8d. Two longe tables, one old counter, and iiij formes, 24s. 4d. iij chistes and a coffer 16s. viij fouther of bark, and sexe fouther of haye 4*l.* A presser 10s.

* A most remarkable illustration of the lawless state of the borders. The testator, probably a tenant of the Dacres, had been present perhaps, at some meeting, where he had ventured to assert, among a large assemblage of Ogles, that his master's blood was as good as theirs; for this indiscreet speech, although quite true, he was so roughly handled that he went home and made this will. His death, whether arising from the wounds he received on that occasion or no, occurred a few months after. He commends his wife and children to the care of one of the family, for which he had so stoutly spoken; if Mr. Francis Dacre had but a little of the spirit which characterized that nobleman to whom the honours of his house descended, he would take care to see that some "refformation for this crewell murder" took place.

† Of Whitfield, co. Northumberland, and brother-in-law of Nicholas Ridley, one of the guardians of the testator's son, noted above.

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A giellfatt, a masken tubb, a wood tubb, and a beaff tubb, 6s. 8d. Three stands, two poitts, and beare barrell, 2s. 6d. xj tubbes, two collocks, and a kitt, 2s. 2d. Fower stand-bedds, and two lawe bedds, 22s. 8d. vj trees in Cottingwood, and aght in Ulgham 18s. A long wayne, a coippe, a pleughe with one yron some, with yoicks, and crewicks, and staples, 30s. One iron chymlaye, a porre, a payre of racks, and two speatts, and a haulbert, 26s. 8d. ij gownes, fower doubletts, a blewe coitt, a jirkin, two payre of nether stocks, a payer brege, with his jak, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. A table clothe, iij borde cloths, v towell, vj napkens, 21s. vj secks, iiij walletts, a wyndocloth, ij kemys poiks, 16s. A baysen, a fish spone, and a fryen pane, 2s. 6d. viij cossyens, two chares, 7s. 6d. Sexe thraves of lyntt 10s. Two cloicks, and fower yeards of blaik cloth, 26s. 8d. xx thraves of oitts, and xx of hardcorne, shotten, 4*l.* A pestell, a morter, and a droppen pane, 2s. 8d. Old barke 20s. One stone of hempe, and a payre of tables, 2s. 6d. Silver spownes, eight, 40s. *Dettes owen to Philloppe Greane.* William Ridley, of the Westwoodds, 53s. 4d. Richard Fenwik, of Stanton, 4s. Jaisan Horsley 3s. 4d. Thomas Sabrain 16s. Som 118*l.* ✠

XLI. TESTAMENTUM BERNARDI GILPIN NUPER RECTORIS DE HOUGHTON.

Da mihi, Domine, secundum tuam assistricem sapientiam, et eripe me de luto hujus mundi, ut non infigar.

In the name of God, Amen, the xvij day of October, and in the yeare of our Lord God, 1582. I, Bernarde Gilpin,*

* The will of a man whose reputation is not confined to the limits of the county of Durham. There are few people who have not heard of Bernard Gilpin, "the Apostle of the North." The will of this excellent man is now, for the first time, fully and accurately printed, and in it the testator seems to live and breathe before us.

He was born in 1517, being the youngest child of Edwin Gilpin, of Kentmire, in Westmerland. He was educated at Queen's College, Oxford, and was indebted for his advance in life to the kindness of his uncle, Cuthbert Tunstall, bishop of Durham, who gave him the rectory of Easington, and afterwards, in 1558, the living of Houghton-le-Spring, a place which is inseparably connected with the name of Bernard Gilpin.

He was rector of Houghton till the month of March, 1583, and in that important and laborious charge he unconsciously won for himself the great name of "The Apostle of the North," which has been always given to him. In the prosperity of that parish his heart and soul were wrapped up; the offer of the bishoprick of Carlisle could not tempt him to desert it; he clung to it, through good and evil report, and the great work which he did there can never be forgotten.

The life of this holy man has been twice written; once, by the partial, but faithful, pen of an affectionate scholar, George Carleton, Bishop of Chichester; the other account of him was drawn up by William Gilpin, who is so well known

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person of Howghton-in-the-Springe, weake in body, yet of good remembrance, God be praised, knowinge the frailtie and uncertintie of man's life, and seinge even now, before myne eyes, in this tyme of God's visitation,* manye and daylie examples of deathe, doe institute and make this my last will and testament, in maner (and) forme followinge. Firste, I bequeathe and commende my soule into the handes of Allmightie God, my Creator, not trustinge in myne owne merites, which am of myselfe a most wretched sinner, but onelie in the mercie of God, and in the merites of Jesus Christ, my Redeamer and Savyoure; for that I am taught by His holie apostles, that there is none other name, under the heaven, gyven to man, wherein we must be saven, but onelye in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christe, neither is there in anye other salvation. My bodie I committe to be buried in the parishe churche, or churchyarde, wheresover it shall please God to call me to His mercie.†

for his elegant tastes and varied accomplishments. The able pen of the late historian of Durham sketched his life with the free touch of a scholar and a gentleman, for Mr. Surtees was indeed proud to reckon Bernard Gilpin, among the worthies of that palatinate, to which he was so deeply attached.

How very graphic are the accounts of Gilpin's wanderings among the wild clans and half-civilized districts of Northumberland, preaching the Word of God, where no other preacher dared to venture, and making peace wherever he went, like the holy men of old! Within his own parish, and far beyond its limits, he was regarded as a saint, and was reverenced by rich as well as poor. But this love and veneration did not elate the good pastor; his humility was so great, that no praise or adulation could injure him, and those who sought to do him harm, bowed to his excellence, which they were unable to depreciate. 'Father Gilpin,' said Bishop Barnes, who had been moved to injure him, 'I do acknowledge you are fitter to be Bishop of Durham than myselfe to be parson of this church of yours. I aske forgivenesse for errors past; forgive me, father.' 'I doe not blame this man,' said the great Lord Burleigh, after he had visited Gilpin at Houghton, 'for refusing a bishopricke, for what doth hee want that a bishopricke could more enrich him withall?'

The mantle of Bernard Gilpin has fallen upon his successors. There is no parish in England that has been tended by so many holy men. Heylin, Barwick, Sancroft, Davenport, Sir George Wheler, Secker, and Rotheram have been rectors of Houghton-le-Spring. What a galaxy of piety and learning! On the tomb of Davenport, after his many good works have been recorded, the writer of the inscription connects his friend with his great predecessor:—

"If the soul's transmigration were believed,
You'd say good Gilpin's soul he had received,
And with as liberal hand did give, or more,
His dailie charity unto the poor;
For which, with him, we doubt not he's possest
Of righteous men's reward,—eternal rest."

* The plague, always spoken of in wills as the "visitation," was then raging, and Gilpin prepares himself against any emergency that might arise. I find him witnessing or making the wills of many of his parishioners, who were struck down by that fell disease.

† Every word in this interesting document has been carefully thought over and prepared. Gilpin had been a convert from Roman Catholicism, and the exposition of his faith, in which he dies, is briefly, though vigorously, expressed.

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For the disposition of my goods; first, I will that all my debtes, which I owe, be well and trulie paied, withe sutche speade, as may be convenientlie, the which debtes I shall gather as diligentlie as I can, and set after this my last will and testament. My debtes once paied and dischardged, of that whiche remaynethe, I geave and bequeathe to the poore of Esington parishe 5*l.* Item to the poore of Newcastell 4*l.* Item to the poore of Sunderlande 15s. Item to the poore of Awcklande 4*l.* Item to the poore of Bernardcastle 40s. Item to the poore of Kentmire 5*l.* Item to the poore of Staveley hamblet 40s. Item to the poore of Kendall* 40s. Item to the poore of Lancaster 4*l.* Item to everie one that keepethe one plowe, in Howghton parishe, 2s. Item to those that, for the most part, keape twoe plowes 3s. Item to Mr. Anthonye Maude, and Briget, his sister, to eyther of them 3*l.* Item to Bernarde Maude, their brother, 53s. 4d.† Item to my curate 40s. Item to everye of my good children, whether they remaine in this parishe, or noe, 2s. Item to Peter Gilpin,‡ to put him to a maister, 3*l.* Item to Mr. Rycharde Wharton§ 3*l.* Item to Mr. Hewghe Ayray, a preatcher in Devonshire, 20s. Item to Mr. Steaphen Cooperthwaite|| 20s. Item to Henrie Ayraye¶ 40s. Item to George Carleton** 40s. Item to Raphe Irenside†† 12s. Item to Wylyam Cayrus 3*l.* Item to Mr. John Claveringe 10s. Item to Bernard Tompson, sonne of Henrye Tompson, 20s. Item to Margaret Gilpin, doughter of Cader Gilpin, 39s., which her brother, Anthonye

His body was laid in the church of Houghton, and an altar-tomb was placed over him, of which several engravings have been made. The only inscription that it bears, dictated doubtless by the simple-minded testator, is, BERNERD'S GILPIN RECTOR HUJUS ECCLIÆ—OBIIT QUARTO DIE MARTII AN. DOM. MDLXXXIII.

* Easington was his first cure within the diocese of Durham. Newcastle, Sunderland, Auckland, and Bernardcastle were neighbouring and needy towns. His connection with Westmerland dictated the legacies to Kentmire, Staveley, and Kendal.

† The children, I believe, of Cecily Gilpin, the testator's sister, who married a person of the name of Maude.

‡ Probably a nephew of the testator. His eldest brother, William, had a large family, and there is little known of his children.

§ Gilpin's sister Mary is said to have married George Wharton, of Newton Wallis, who had an estate at Offerton, near Houghton-le-Spring.

|| A Mr. Robert Copperthwaite was the first master of the Kepyer School at Houghton.

¶ Henry Airey, the learned and amiable provost of Queen's College, Oxford, of whom Anthony a Wood gives an account. He was the son of a sister of the testator, and was one of his favourite scholars.

** George Carleton, the biographer of the testator, and another of his scholars. He became Bishop of Chichester, and died in 1628. How much piety and learning may be kindled by the piety and the example of one good man!

†† Ralph Ironside, another scholar, rector of Long Bredy, co. Dorset, and father and grandfather of two Gilbert Ironsides, who were raised to the episcopal bench.

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Gilpin, is owinge to me, by a bill of his hande. Allso, I geave unto her, 40s. more. Item to my sister, Mistresse Elizabeth Gilpin, wedow, one aungell. Item to Elinoure Cayrus, her niece, 80s. Item to James Beverley 5*l.* Item to my twoe cosinges, An Benson and An Beverley, to eyther of them 10s. Item I geave to Elizabeth Gilpin, dwellinge in Newcastle, above the 5*l.*, which I doe owe her, for my mother's legacie, other 5*l.* Item to Elinoure Ayraye, in Howghton, wedow, 15s. Item to Rycharde Ayraie, her sone, 20s. Item to Isabell Lisley 40s. Item to Jane Plaisted, wedow, in London, my cosin germayne, 40s. Item to Mabell Herrise, her sister, wedow, dwelling at St. Catheryne's, in London, tennant to Mr. Godfraye Willson, 20s. Item I give to Wylyam Ayray, of Kentmire, and his three sisters, sonne and doughters to my sister, Elinoure Ayraye, of Kentmire, to everye of theym 10s. Item to Cicill Cooperthwayte, wyfe of Gislote Coperthwaite, 5s. Item to the wyfe of Rycharde Ayraye, in Kentmire, wedow, 5s. Item to John Ayraie, her brother-in-lawe, and Ewan Ayray, her sonne, to eyther of theym 5s. Item to the wyfe of Faranbrace Gilpin, wedow, 10s. Item to Wylyam Gilpin, sone of Faranbrace Gilpin,* 20s. Item to the poore of Howghton parishe, the greate new arke for corne, standinge in the hall, to provide theim grotes in winter, to be given theim in sommer, as they have been used of Wylyam Scotte's dole, if none will make that provision for theim, let it be soulde within a yeare or twoe, and the pryce delt among them, 30s. Item I gyve unto my neighbours of Howghton, so manye as have lande in Braidley, in consideracion of their cost and traveyle, in bringinge it into tillaidge, unto Mr. John Cason, unto John Browne, unto wedow Irenside, unto George Tunstall, unto John Chilton, unto Wylyam Ayraie, unto John Johnson, unto the heire and executoure of Thomas Bee, unto everie of these eight 5s. Item unto Wylyam Wilkeyson 3s. Item unto wedow Trewghit, and the wyfe of Wylyam Laxe, to either of theim 2s. Item I give unto Mr. George Gilpin,† in consideracion of the lease of this personaidge, which he shoulde have had, if God call me before he have it and enjoye it, 16*l.* Item I gyve to everye servannt

* Most of the persons recently mentioned were kinsmen of the testator, but it would be no easy task to state, exactly, the degree of relationship in which they stood to him. William Gilpin, the testator's eldest brother, married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Thomas Washington, gentleman, the Mrs. Elizabeth Gilpin above mentioned, and by her he had six sons and seven daughters. The daughters were married to "Gilpin, Layton, Wharton, Cowper, Carus, Benson, and Mallory."

† I do not know whether this was the nephew or the brother of the testator. The nephew was the heir of Bernard Gilpin's eldest brother William, and the

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about my howse, a quarter waidge, more then their dewe. Item to everye scholler,* dwellinge within my howse, 3s. Item to everie scholler of the parishe, comminge usuallie to the schole, 12d. And allso to schollers of other parishes, I gyve to everye one 8d. Item I gyve to Wylyam Ayraie,† my servannt, 6*l.* Item to Isabell, his wyfe, 20s. Item to Christabell Aiyraye, his doughter, 40s. Item to Ewan Ayraie, his sonne, if he remaine a yeare at Oxeforthe, 5*l.* Item to Gislote Gilpin 20s. Item I gyve to the Queene's Colledge,‡ in Oxeforthe, all suche bookes, as shall have written upon the first leafe, *Bernardus Gilpin, Reginensi Collegio, D.D.,* and all suche bookes, as have written upon the firste leafe, *Johannes Newton, Reginensi Collegio, D.D.,* and all the bookes that Mr. Hewghe Browghton§ hathe of mine, that is to saie, Eusebius, Grecè, in twoe volumes, and Josephus, Grecè, in one volume, withe certayne other litle bookes; I trust he will withhoulde none of theym. And I geave to Keipere schole, in Howghton, all suche bookes as shall have the name of it in the first leafe, in the middest, and in the latter ende, to the intent, that no man defraude that schoole, which I pray God longe to keepe and maintaine. Item

possessor of the family estate at Kentmire. The brother acquired some little reputation in England and abroad. Queen Elizabeth made him her ambassador to Holland; and he was the author of several works, which are enumerated in Watts, and elsewhere.

* No one could be a greater favourer of education than Gilpin. Living, as he did, in an age, when even the clergy were very imperfectly educated, he saw that it was, above all things, necessary to make up for the deficiency. His care in raising up a grammar school at Houghton, will be mentioned shortly; but he did more than this, "in his own house he boorded and kept foure and twenty scollers, sometimes fewer, but seldome; the greater part poore men's sonnes, upon whom he bestowed meat, drinke, and cloth and education."

† William Airey was Gilpin's servant, and probably his kinsman. He was his companion, "for the most part," in his missionary journies in Northumberland. Gilpin, it will be seen, does not forget his family, and had sent his son Ewan, or Edwin, to Oxford.

‡ Queen's was the college at which Gilpin received his education. He subsequently became one of the first students of Christ church. He does not forget, however, his old college, of which Cumberland and Westmerland have great reason to be proud.

§ A great name, but one which, in connection with Gilpin, we can regard with little respect. Broughton began life as a beggar boy, and was, literally, picked up by Gilpin, and educated and provided for by him. He shewed his gratitude by doing his best to ruin his patron. Bishop Barnes told Gilpin that he had "hatched some chickens, that now seeke to pecke out your eyes," and Broughton was one of this ungrateful brood. He actually strove to disgrace his old master, and to get possession of his living of Houghton-le-Spring, but, happily, his designs were discomfited. Broughton may have been one of the greatest scholars of the age, as indeed he was, but his conduct to Gilpin shews that he was an ungrateful and a bad man. What might the testator not have said, when he mentions his old pupil? And yet he merely expresses a wish that he would restore the books which had been lent to him!

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I geave and leave to my successor, the person of Howghton, and to his successours, persons of Howghton, after him, all suche goodes and implementes, as folowe hereafter. In primis, in the brewhowse, the great new brewinge leade, with keelefat, gilefat, and maskfatte. Item in the kilne, a lardge and new steape leade, which receavethe a chaudder of corne at once. Item in the larder howse, one greate saltinge tubbe, which will houlde fower oxen or more. Item in the great chamber, ower the parloure, one longe table, and a shorter, standinge upon joyned frames. Item one painted hanginge. Item in the parloure, one longe table upon a joyned frame, and a cupbourde allso. Item one fowre-footed fourme in the parloure. Item plaine bedstockes, vij or viij. Item in the hall, three tables, standinge fast, withe formes to theym. Item in the butterie, one lardge oulde cupbourde, withe a partition in the middest. Item in the lowe parloure, one cupbourde, and in the chamber, over the lowe parloure, one cupbourde, and in the studie, within that chamber, one cupbourde, and in the chappell, covered with leade, joined to the same chamber, one cupbourde. Item in the litle studie, within the tower chamber, one cupbourde. Item in the back howse, twoe tables. Item in the kitchin, twoe tables. Item, if I have anye lyme or slates, within my howse, when God callethe me, I will that they remayne to my successours, without any price; and if any unwrought timber be remaining, I will that my successour shall have the first offer, by a reasonable price. And I leave unto him all the wainscot, which I made in the east ende of the great parlour, withe three lockes and keis over the fyre, if they be not lost. And I leave him all the wainscot, which I made in the east ende of the great chamber, over the parloure, and in the studie joyninge to the same. Item I leave unto him one cundithe of leade, which was made of new. In consideracion of all these, and allso in consideracion of my exceedinge great chardges, in buildinge and reparaciones, since my first comminge and enterannce unto this personaidge, which, I thinke, withe a safe conscience, I maye well say amountethe well towardes three hundrethe poundes,* if I saye

* It may be regretted that the rectory of Houghton is not now as Gilpin left it. It was altered very materially by George Davenport in 1664, and subsequently, in more recent times, almost every trace of the ancient house has been obliterated. Mr. Surtees, a Houghton schoolboy, speaks feelingly on the subject: "The garden was drained, and laid out in lawn and shrubbery, without injury to some of the most beautiful old hawthorns in the North, and without removing the lofty grove of sycamores, or *lovers' walk*, which still from the hills appears to embosom the rectory. The house was rendered light and convenient, the prospect was opened, and the home-grounds improved; yet, with all its gloom and inconvenience, there was about the old rectory, with all its associations, a *religio*

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no more; there be workemen, manye yet alive, beside all those who are dead, in the Newcastle, in Durham, in Awcklande, in this parishe, some in Yorkshire, some in Lancashire, some in Kendall, some in Westmerland, whiche can be true witnesses, how great and manifoulde chardges I have susteyned, with all the buildinges within these walles, and withe the walles allso. All this I saie considered, I trust my successor will not demaunde anie thinge for delapidations, and if he shoulde, I doubt nothinge, but that the reverende father in God, my lorde the bishope of Durham, patrone and giver of this benefice, will persuade him to be content withe reason, and to doe all thinges with charitie, and if charitie maie beare rule, I doubt not but all delapidationes will fall. And heare I most hartilie desire him, that shalbe my successor, not onelie to let all the delapidations fall upon these consideracions, afore written, and allso in favoure of the poore, upon whome, chieflie, my goodes are bestowed in this testament, but allso that he wilbe a continuall defender and mayntener of Keipier schole, in Howghton, both in seeinge the statutes well kept, and the children to be brought up, both in vertue and good learninge, so that their profit in good letters may daylie appeare, which if he doe, I doubt not but God shall prosper him the better, in all thinges he takethe in hande, and he shall doe a most acceptable worke, both to my lorde of Durham, patrone of this schole, and to Mr. John Heathe,* founder of the same, and to all his neighbours of the parishe. Item I geave to the poore of Howghton parishe 20*l.*, and niene of mine oxen, so equallie divided as it is possible; the other nien oxen I geave to my three cosinges, George Gilpin,† Randall Gilpin, and Christopher Wharton,‡ whom I make executours of this my last will and testament. And for the more equall devision of the same, I desire sixe of the xxiiij formest written in the booke, with the fower churchwardens and collectours to be for the poore, and to devide mine eighten oxen into two equall partes, so equall as may be, and my executours to pay a noble to the poore, and so to have the choyse. The niene which are for the poore, I will that they be prised by the

loci, which no alterations or improvements, however judicious, have perhaps been able to replace." It would be a pleasure to have, still untouched, the parsonage of Bernard Gilpin.

* Of Kepyer, near Durham, sometime warden of the Fleet. He purchased the estate of Kepyer, which had been part of the possessions of the dissolved hospital of St. Giles, founded by bishop Flambard, and died there in 1591. His will is printed by Mr. Surtees, vol. iv., p. 71.

† George Gilpin was, I believe, the testator's nephew, and Randal Gilpin was probably his brother.

‡ Of Wingate Grange, co. Durham. He was the son of George Wharton, of Newton Wallis, by Mary, daughter of Ewen Gilpin, and sister of the testator.

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sixe above mencioned, with the churchwardens and collectours, within 2s. of their price, under, not above, and so soulde for a yeare daye to niene husbandes of the parishe, upon sufficient bondes and assurance, for the paiment thereof, when it shalbe demanded. And I will that everie yeare, so longe as the 20*l.* above gyven, and the price of these niene oxen will last, 10*l.* yearelie, to be distributed amonge the poore of this parishe, at suche time as they thinke convenient, these niene, which I thinke most neadefull, to have the oxen, shalbe written in the ende of my will. Item I give to the right reverende father in God, Richarde, lorde bishope of Durham, for a simple token of remembrance, three silver spoones, with acornes, and allso I give unto him the historie of Paulus Jovius, and allso Opuscula Calvini, gathered together into one lardge volume. And allso I give unto Mr. John Heathe, esquire, for a like remembrance, other twoe silver spoones, with acornes, of the same sort and weight, and allso I give unto him the historie of John Sleden, in latine, and to his bedfelowe, Mistresse Heathe, I gyve my English cronicle of Fabian. And I gyve to Mr. Richarde Belassis, esquire, for a like remembrance, other twoe silver spoones, with acornes, of the same weight and fashion, and allso I gyve unto him my historie, called Novus Orbis. And I most humblie beseche these three men, of honoure and worshippe, that, for Gode's cause, they will take so muche paine, as to become supervisours of this my last will and testament, whiche beinge a worke of Christian charitie, I trust verelie they will not refuse; and, above all other thinges, I most humblie besieche theim to take unto their tuition, custodie, and governance, all the whole landes and revenues, belonginge unto Keipier schole, in Howghton,* bothe more and lesse, with all maner of deades, evidences, giftes, surrendours, obligations, and all other writinges, which, by anye meanes, doe make for the good assuraunce of the same. All the right, interest, and titles of anye parte or parcell thereof, that if it did belonge unto me by anie maner or meanes, I wholie give it up into their handes, for the good maintenannce and continuannce of the saide schole. And for the better knowledge of the same, heare I thinke it

* The Kepyer school of Houghton was founded in 1574, by the testator and John Heath, of Kepyer, esq., whom Gilpin had induced to aid him in his pious work. I have already spoken of Gilpin's love for education. He would find many patterns of endowed schools in his native country, and he was most wishful to establish a seminary at Houghton, that might be a permanent one. He was, fortunately, most successful, and the school, which has educated many distinguished scholars, is still a living witness of the piety and munificence of its co-founder. The very earnest and pathetic manner, in which Gilpin speaks of the school and its prospects, shews how very dear it and they were to his heart.

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neadefull to expresse all the names of theym. First of all, Mr. John Heathe hathe given freelie, unto the findinge of a scholemaister, the Gelie* teinde of Bishop Wermouthe, which is latten yearelye for 8*l.*, and he hathe allso gyven to the findinge of the saide scholemaister, three penscions out of the personaidge of Riton, Whickham, and Gaiteside, the yearelie valewe of 5*l.* 6s. 8d. The landes, whiche I boughte of Mr. Heathe, for the findinge of an usher, and three poore schollers, are these. First of all, the Gellie teende of Esington, with a garthe, and allso the Gellie teende of Chester, and allso the Gellie teende of Whitbourne, Clidon, and Ryop, which, as they are letten, are about 8*l.* to the usher, and 5*l.* to three poore schollers, for all these I did paye unto Mr. John Heathe, first and last, the full sume of 240*l.*, the whiche, if it shoulde fortune the saide schole to be dissolved, whiche God forbid, my minde and will is, that it retourne wholie to the parishe of Howghton, into the handes of the gentlemen, the xxiiij, and the churchwardens, to be bestowed either for the findinge of a scholemaister, so longe as it will last, or els to be bestowed, in so manye yeares as they thinke good, upon all the poore of the parishe, havinge consideracion, as well upon poore husbandmen, beeinge behinde hande, as upon colemen, and other poore of the parishe. Beside this, I bought of Mr. Thomas Mellott, a whyte rent of seaven nobles by the yeare, out of the landes of Penshire and Pelowe, for the whiche we have verie good evidence. Allso, I bought of Mr. Roger Rawes, merchannte, of the Newcastell, and of his wyfe's children, one fyne in Howghton, called the Whyte Howse: I paied to Mr. Rawes, for it, the sume of 15*l.*, since that, it hathe cost me, in reparacones and other chardges, well toward 5*l.*: it is surrendred by Mr. Rawes and his children, but it remaynethe still unfined to the schole, till my lorde's pleasure be knowen, bothe for it and sutche others. Allso, I bought of Mr. James Lisle, and his mother, one other fyne, lyinge unto the churchyarde, upon the east side, and at the ende of the schole and garthinge, for this I payed, to Mr. Lisle and his mother, 15*l.*, of this I remaine fyner myselfe, trustinge that it shoulde or nowe have bene fyned unto the schole and governours thereof; if God shalle call me to His mercie, afore it be surelie anexed to the schole and governours thereof, I chardge those, that are next of myne kine, even as they will awnswere at the last daye, if they have, or seame to have, by me, anye title or clayme, either unto this fine, or to anye other parcell of revenues, bought for the schole, that they, so sone as maye be convenientlie, doe cleareli geave up, and

* The tithes formerly belonging to the dissolved hospital of St. Giles, at Kepyer, near Durham.

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make surrender into the handes of the governours, for the use of the saide schole, all suche title and clayme, as they either have or maye seme to have thereof. Allso, I bought a fine in Wolsingham of Sir Robert Browne, sometime minister of Wolsingham, and of Jane, his wyfe, whiche liethe to the side of Wolsingham Parke, called Jackwalkerfielde, for the whiche I have paied to the saide Sir Robart, and his wyfe, the summe of 44*l.*: the surrender of it was made into the handes of my servannt Wyliam Ayraie, but I have bounde him in a bonde of 80*l.*, to make surrender of it agayne, into the handes of the governours of the schole, whensoever he shal be required; this bonde remainethe amonge the writinges and evidences of the schole. These three fines, bought by me, twoe in Howghton, and one in Wolsingham, if they cannot be made sure unto the schole, my full minde and will is, that they be soulde, and the price thereof delivered into the handes of the gentlemen the xxiiij, and churchwardens of Howghton parishe, to be bestowed, by theyre discretion, upon the poore of Howghton parishe, or upon the schole and poore schollers of the same, as they shall thinke most neadefull and expedient. Allso, there is geaven unto our fundation, out of the landes of Cocken, by Mr. Wylyam Carre,* of blessed memorie, a rent of fyve markes by the yeare, whereof 40s. is assigned to be bestowed upon the schole, or upon the schollers of the schole, the other foure nobles is apoynted yearlie to be bestowed upon the poore of Howghton parishe, for this we have verie good deades and evidences. There is allso given to our fundation, out of the towne chamber of the Newcastle, by the gift and apoyntment of Mr. John Francklein,† of blessed memorie, one pension of foure nobles by the yeare, to be paied all at one payment, about St. Andrewe day afore Christmasse, and to be bestowed wholie amonge the poore of Howghton parishe: for this we have no evidence to shewe, but onelie a writinge of Mr. John Franckleine, written all withe his owne hande, withe his name subscribed, but no seale; these giftes I truste will stande sure inoughe, so longe as they, that are heires to the gyvers, may see theim faythfullie bestowed upon the schole and schollers, and upon the poore of Howghton parishe, accordinge to the minde and good meaninge of the givers; otherwyse, if anye shoulde go about subtillie to withdrawe, from suche a good and godlie use, the good gyftes of theyre anncestours, or anye part thereof, they

* Of Cocken, in the parish of Houghton. He was the son of Ralph Carr, mayor of Newcastle, 1532, and was himself mayor of that town, 1565, and M.P. in 1572, in which year he died. His will is printed, Vol. I., p. 382.

† Of Cocken, in right of his wife Isabel, widow of Ralph Carr, esq. His will is printed, Vol. I., p. 386.

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may be sure, that that mightie Lorde, whiche sent downe His plague upon Ananias and Saphira, and upon manie other since that time, for defraudinge and therbie hinderinge of His holie Gospell, His hande is not shortned, but that He will still send His grevous plagues upon all suche, as seeke to withdrawe anye livinge, gyven to the maintenannce of His holie Gospell; and I truste I may bouldlie affirm, that whatsover is geaven to a godlie grammer schoole, it is geaven to the maintenance of Christe's holie Gospell. And for as muche, as these landes and revenues are not so surelie established, and in all thinges confirmed, as I woulde wishe, I gieve unto Keipier schole, in Howghton, for the mayntenannce thereof, the summe of 20*l.*, the whiche I humblie desire the right reverende father in God, Richarde, bishop of Durham, to take wholie into his handes, and to bestowe it, as he shall se cause, upon men learned in the lawes, as well upon all those, whiche have traveyled and taken paynes therein alredie, in makeinge and finishinge a newe corporation from his lordship, or in anye other mater, belonginge to the same, or allso upon those, whiche hereafter shall traveill therein, to make all thinges so perfect and sure, as they maye, by theyre learninge, for the longe continuance of the sayde schole, to God's holie will and pleasure. Moreover, I gyve to the reparations of Keipier schole, in Howghton, 6*l.*, to be remitted unto the governours of the saide schole, prayinge theym oftentymes to visite the saide schole, to see what is amisse, that it may be amended, and God will rewarde theym for theire godlie traveyle. And I make and assigne witnesses of this my last will, John Arcle, and Robert Burdein, of Ryope, and I gyve to eyther of theym 5s. And I gyve unto Thomas Mabson, my scholler, wryter of this my last will, 6s. 8d. Allso, I gyve unto Mr. Christopher Ranson, scholemaister of Keipier schole, and to Frauncis Reisley, usher of the same, unto eyther of theym 20s. All the reast of my goodes and chatteles whatsoever, whiche eyther are in my present occupation and possession, or whiche may be, by my will and testament, gyven or devysed, my debtes, legacies, and funerall expences dischardged, I will that they be devided into twoe equall partes, and the one parte of theym to be gyven to the poore of Howghton parishe, the other parte I will, that it be bestowed in exhibition, upon the scholleres and studentes in Oxenford, hereafter named, by the discretion of my executors, to consider who is most neadefull. Theire names are theyse, Mr. Rycharde Wharton, Mr. Steaphen Cooperthwaite, George Carleton, Raphe Irenside, Ewan Ayraye, Henrye Ayraye, Wylyam Cayrus, Frauncis Reisley, Thomas Collinson. These I will to be relieved as myne executours shall see theym neadefull,

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a yeare, twoe, or three, as the summe will arise, provided allwayes that if, in the meane tyme, the governours of the schole shall want money, to maynteyne the schole, myne executours shall deliver unto theym, as they shall see neadefull and expedient, a portion of this latter part, assigned to schollers in Oxeforde. And for my three executors, for so muche, as I have bene beneficiall unto theym, in my lyfe tyme, even so far as good conscience would suffer me, and sometyme furtheir, (but God, I trust, hathe forgyven me), I will, and I doubt not, but that they will agree to the same, that they be content with the nien oxen, whiche I have gyven theym in legacie before, to be equallie devided amonge them, the oxen, or the price, as they shall thinke best, and agree amonge theymselves. And if anie gaynes will arise in the sale of my goodes, whiche are to be soulde, because I thinke I have priced theym under the worthe, I will that they shall have that, equallie, amongest theym, but so, that I earnestlie request and desire theym, to be good withe my poore neighbours of the parishe, beinge desirous to buye sutche thinges as they stande most neade of. The supervisours of this my last will, as is mencioned before, are the right honorable and reverende father in God, Rycharde, lorde bishope of Durham, and Mr. John Heathe, of Keipier, esquire, and Mr. Rycharde Belassis, of Morton, esquire. The witnesses of the same are there before named, John Arcle and Robart Burdein, yeomen. [Pr. May 16, 1584.

XLII. TRISTRAM HERON, OF NEWCASTELL.

The Inventorie of Trestram Hearone,* of Newcastle, musisione, praised by William Hall and Richard Fletchar, weavers, John Manby, brasyar, and Marke Armstronge, skinner, May 21st, 1584.

A chymney with the appurtinances 13s. 4d. A fraymed table, of firr, drawing at both the ends, with a joyned furm and a pece of a daill, 13s. 4d. A pressor almerie 20s. A cubbord almerie 13s. 4d. A forsyd of a waynscot buttery, and a forsyd of a butterrie of firr, 8s. A joyned waynscote chair, and a litle chair, 2s. 6d. A Flannders chiste 5s. iiij litle smale netts 8s. A sword hilte 2s. iij great chargers, and iij lesser charges, 24s. xj puder dishes 22s. v lessor puder dishes 2s. 6d. ix sawssers 3s. vj pottingdishes, 3s. iiij Dansk potts, on of iij pints, on

* The testator had probably been in the service of some family, or had held some musical office under the corporation of Newcastle, as is shewn by his "recognisince of scutshon of silver." Administration was granted, May 25, 1584, to his wife Elizabeth. He left a posthumous daughter Jane.

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of a quarte, the other ij lesser potts, 8s. iij Danske pinte potts 4s. iiij brase candlesticks, and a litle one 4s. A litle salte and vj spons 12d. A fryinge pann 16d. A graite and a lantron of plaite, and ij pair of pepperwherns 12d. A litle kettle, a litle pann, and a brass pott, 10s. One blew jacket, ij paire of britches of blewe, one of groggerin, and another paire of read russet, and ij whiet canvas dublets, 30s. xviij litle papers in fraymed worke, and a litle pulke 5s. One old velvet capp, one old hatt and a pair of shose 3s. One yerd and a halfe of black fresse 2s. iiij quissions 16d. A table without a frayme, and a joyned furme 3s. ij bedsteads and a hurle bedd 5s. A howle Dansk chiste 4s. A litle linte wheele, and ij paire of tables 4s. ij coverletts and a happinge 5s. A flocke bedd, and ij litle cods, and a pair of harden sheets 2s. 8d. A fether-bed tike and bowlster, unmaide, 10s. ij pair of lyninge sheets, and ij codd pillebears 10s. The brewinge vessell with a soo, and other vessell of wood 6s. 8d. A litle cowe 20s. A litle signet of gold 26s. 8d. A lewte and case, and iiij lewte books 16s. A recognisince of scutshon of silver 2s. 6d. Soma 15*l.* 18s. 10d. *Debtes owinge to the said Trestram Hearron.* William Davidson 10s. *Debtes owinge by the said Trestram Hearon.* Owinge to Mr. William Selbie 12s. To John Gray, draper, 13s. 6d. To Stevin Potts 5s. 6d. To wedow Eland 19d. To Marke Blunte 2s. 4d. To John Taillor 20d. For dightinge and clenssing the house, with the expensses in the tyme of their visitacion, and his buriall and his child's 29s. 1d. Soma de claro 13*l.* 3s. 2d. ✠

XLIII. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI WALTON.

Feb. 28, 1583-4. Richarde Walton,* of the citie of Durham, draper, beinge sicke in bodye, by the visitacion of Almightie God. To Anne Walton, my wife, suche parte of my goodes &c., as to her of righte belongeth, the teithe corne of Trimdon, one dune nagg, so much hushold stuff as cometh to the some of 20*l.*, and to hir choose of it, also a silver pece, ij kyne, and the rest of my lease of Hurworth, for ij yeares next coming. To the pore people of the citie of Durham 40s. To the Alderman, for the use of the towne, 40s. To the Alderman, for the pant wardens,

* This rich tradesman was Alderman (chief magistrate at that time) of the city of Durham in 1583. He was probably of the same family as Hugh Walton, who had a grant of arms from Sir Richard St. George, 1615; they were both of the same company the drapers and tailors. From the expression "sicke by the visitacion of Almightie God," it seems he was then suffering from the plague. The amount of his goods was returned by his executors at 1300*l.*

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20s., towardes the mayntenannce of the pante, in the Markett Place, of Durham. To my mother Ellinor Graye 5*l.*, out of the rent of my house called the Newe Place, in Durham. To my father-in-lawe, Willyam Graye, my graye guelding, nowe remayning att the Holme. To my brother John Walton my beste gowne, and to his wife an angell of 10s., for a token. To everye one of my susters a sylver spone of the value of 6s. 8d. a pece, or better, and to my brother Christopher Surtes a sylver spone, of like value. To Richarde Hutchenson, of Framaygate, and to George Walton, and Richarde Natteres, to eche one of them an angell of 10s., and to Richerd Natters my gowne, facid with fures, and a case of dagges. To the wife of the saide Richarde Natteres a old ryall. To John Graye, of Newcastel, draper, my satten doublett. To the parsone of Gayteside a old ryall. I gyve the house, wherin I nowe dwell, in Durham, to my sone, William Walton, and his heires, provided my wiffe Ann Walton have ytt, during his minorytie, the shope, one chamber of the bakside and the stable excepted, and in default of such heires, then to John Walton, my sone, and his heires for ever. I gyve my mesuage, called the Newe Place, in Durham, to my sone John Walton, and his heires, and for defaut of such, to my sonne William. I gyve to the childe, now in the wombe of the said Ann Walton, my wife, yf any such childe now there be, the house wherin John Vary, butcher, nowe dwelleth, in Durham. The residue of my goodes &c., to Wyllyam and John, my sones, whom I make my executors. I make my trustie and welbeloved frendes, Edwarde Hudspeth, John Walton, Richarde Natters, Mr. Robert Swyft, Richarde Hutchenson, and the forsayde John Graye, supervisors. My brother, John Walton, and Wylliam Hodgesen, clark, parsone of Gaytside, to take the execution of my will, during the minorytie of my sonnes. Witnesess, William Gray, of Newcastell, Robert Eden, of Newcastell, Anthony Morpeth, Thomas Hopper, Nicholas Tailor, George Walton. [Pr. June 30, 1584.]

XLIV. TESTAMENTUM RADULPHI WILLEY, GENEROSI.

Ralph Willey,* of Houghton-in-the-Syde, gentleman. I give to my fowre doughters, Jane, Mergerie, Heline, and Marie

* A member of a family of yeomen-gentry, which resided, for several generations, at Houghton-le-Side, in the parish of Denton. There is a pedigree of them in Surtees, and some additional notices, from the Denton register, are given in Walbran's Gainford. They cannot be traced below the time of the Commonwealth.

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Willye, over and besydes their childe's portions, all one third part, or deathe's part, of my goodes whatsoever, all my houshold stuff, the lease of my fermehold, or demaines, in Houghton aforesaid, excepted, and my funerall deducted and discharged, to be equallye devidid emongst them. To Jane Willye,* my wiffe, my said lease of my fermehold in Houghton aforesaid, for the terme of viij yeares, next ensewing my death, conditionallye, that she my said wif shall, upon my gift, pay unto my doughter Jane, towards hir mariage, 28*l.* 13s. 4d., when the said Jane shall come unto the age of xxj yeares. And in like manner to everie one of my other thre doughters 22*l.* a peice, when they shall come to the aige of xxj yeares. And the remainder of my said lease I give to my sonne John Willey. And, if it please God, my said sonne John dye, before the said viij yeares be expired, then I geve the same to my said fowre doughters, or so many of them as shall be then lyveing. To my fower doughters 32*l.* equallie emongst them, to be paied out of my frehold land in Houghton aforesaid, as followethe, viz., out of th'one moitye of my said frehold, which now I have in possession, by a demise from my mother Dorothye Willey,† and which was her jointer, 10*l.*, to be paied out of the same, after the death of my said mother, and likewise out of the other moitye of my said frehold lands, which my wif Jane Willey haith to her jointer, 16*l.* I geve the tuition of my said sonne John, and my fowre doughters, together with the use of all ther goodes, to my said wif Jane

* Daughter of Christopher Chaytor, of Butterby, co. Durham, esq. After her husband's death she re-married William Frankland, gentleman, whose will is printed in this volume; and thirdly, Richard Tankard, gentleman.

† Daughter of James Hodgson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, merchant, and his wife a Sayer, of Worsall, co. York. In her will dated July 4, 1584, she gives to John, the eldest son of her son Ralph Willey, four marks, "whiche his father did awe unto me, for the rente of my joynter, befor his deathe, and more 40s., to by him a nage." To each of her son Ralph's daughters 6s. 8d. To her daughter Elsabethe Bartrame 6*l.* 13s. 4d., and to each of her three children 40s. To her cousin Nicholas Fetherstonhaughe a French crown. To each of her brother Richard Hodshon's children 6s. 8d. To Jane, her brother William Hodshon's daughter, 20s., and to his other daughter Dorothy, whom she christened, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To John, her brother William's son, a gray stagg. To her sister Eggell 10s. To her son-in-law, William Sotheringe, a grey colt stagg of four years old, going at Worsall. To her daughter, Kateringe Sotheringe, "one lytel graye amlinge meare and hir foole." To Jane, daughter of William Sotheringe, 10s. To her daughters, Anne and Margery Willie, all her apparell. To John Sayer, esq., and his eldest son John, a French crown a peice, and she desires them to be good to her poor children, as they have been always heretofore. To the poor householders of Denton, Heighington and Houghton, she gives small sums, and desires their prayers (she was of the old religion). All her unexpired leases at Bruntoft she leaves to her daughters Anne and Margery, and she desires them to give her daughter Katering Sotheringe's son William 20*l.*, to get him a farmhold. To Christopher, her daughter Katering Sotheringe's youngest son, 40s. The remainder she gives to John, her brother William Hodshon's son, whom she makes executor.

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Willey, during the nonaig of my said children. To the power of the said parishe of Denton 20s. To William Deanham, my tennant, for his faithfull service, 10s. To everye of my houshold servants, at the houre of my deathe, to the men servants 2s. a peice, and to the woman servants 12d. To Margaret Heighington, wedowe, for hir great paines takeing about me, 10s. All the rest of my goodes &c., to my wif Jane Willey, whome I make sole executrix. And I make supervisors of the same, my welbeloved unkle William Hodgeson, and my brother-in-lawe Thomas Chaytor. Witnesses, William Hodgeson, Thomas Chaytor, William Sotheron, Robert Whitfeild, Arthure Lonesdaill. [Pr. July 4, 1584.]

Inv. One gray geldinge 4*l.* Two mares with foole, one colt and one filley, 7*l.* One colt, which was bought of the curate of Denton, 3*l.* xvj draught oxen, and iiij hagge oxen, 50*l* viij stottes 10*l.* 13s. 4d. xj stirkes 12*l.* iiij calves 26s. 8d. xx milke kye, and a bull, with xij calves, 32*l.* ij meares 5*l.* 6s. 8d. xiij stirkes, at 12s. a peice, 7*l.* 16s. vij hagge kye 10*l.* 6s. 8d. lxxxxij ewes and lambes, at 5*l.* 13s. 8d. a score, 27*l.* 10s. xv ewes and iiij tuppes 4*l.* xl hogges 8*l.* 13s. 4d. xx hogges and xij lambes 3*l.* 13s. 4d. viij swine and vij younge piggs 4*l.* Pullaine, as geise, hennes, ducks &c., 5s. Corne, in the barne and stackes, in all kinds, 10*l.* 10s. Corne, sowne on the ground, wheat, rye, otes, bigg, pees, beanes, lint, xxx duble acres, 45*l.* iiij chalder of iiijth malt 10*l.* 13s. 4d. ij quarters of bigg malt 16s. v lodes of otes 20s. Thre acres of ware corne, at Lowgh house, 20s. Waine and waine-geare, plough and plough-geare, with all implementes thereto belongeinge, with unframed wod, and one pare of waine blaides, 10*l.* *In the hall house.* Two longe tables, one cubbord, thre longe formes, viij buffett stooles, ij chares, and one pare of tables, 40s. *In the buttery.* All wod geare 40s. In silver spone and plait 3*l.* *In the kitchin, larder house, milke house and bolting house.* All thinges therein, and all kind of pewder, brasse and wod vessell, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the two chambers above the hall and parlor.* Two stand beddes, one trindle bed, and his apparrell, 10*l.* *In the parlor.* All beddinge and els whatsoever, with all lyning and harden stuff, and nappery ware, 13*l.* 13s. 4d. *In the garner.* Sacks, window-clothes, riddles, seeves, 11s. Servantes' beddes, 10s. Five saddles 4s. A kilne-hare 10s. *In the brew house.* A brew lead 26s. 8d. Tubbes 13s. 4d. *At Byuntoft.* One meare 33s. 4d. One gray colt 26s. 8d. Thirtye wedders 7*l.* Ten hogges 36s. 8d. Fowre whies 4*l.* 13s. 4d. Summa totalis 334*l.* 15s. 4d. I owe to my brother-in-lawe, Thomas Chaitor, upon an obligacion, 50*l.* ✠

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XLV. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI EMERSON.

William Emerson,* of the Brotherlye, in the parishe of Stannop, yeoman. To be buryed in the churche, or churcheyaird, of Stannop. To Janet Emerson, my maid servannt, a younge whi, one goune of blacke, and a kirtyll of read. The rest of my goodes &c., to my sonne William, whom I doe maike my full executor. I gyve him my holl tytle of my farmhold, and I comande him to gyve unto my sonne Thomas 6*l.* 13s. 4d., at the end of vj yeares, and to my sonne Edward, at the end of v yeares, 10*l.*, and to my sonn Robert, at the end of iiij yeares, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. [Pr. July 11, 1584.]

Inv. Feb. 8, 1583-4. One horse 66s. 8d. One other horse 53s. 4d. One maire 3*l.* Two olde maires 40s. Two younge maires 53s. 4d. One pette sheipe 4s. One blowinge horne, and a silke band, 5s. Two scarfes 5s. x pounde of hecled linte 6s. One coate of plaite, one stuffed jacke and a steile cappe, one bowe and one shaife of arrowes, and one billstaffe, 13s. 4d. One sweard and dagger 4s. One tanned skinne of leddar, and a peice of another, 13s. 4d. iiij paire of shoes, and a paire of bootes, and spurres, 6s. 8d. *Debtes owinge to him.* Arthure Nevile 8s. 4d. Thomas Warkoppe, of Sandfurth, 40s. Thomas Collingwod 6s. 8d. Mr. John Fetherstone, of Stannop hall, 20s. *Debtes which he owes.* To Thomas Hedworth, of Blackeburne milne, one halfe fother of lead, 44s. To Gawaine Radcliffe, one fother of leade, 8*l.* To George Whitfeild, of Newcastle, marchant, 56s.

XLVI. TESTAMENTUM AGNETIS WODDRINGTON.

March 23, 1582. Dayme Agnes, ladie Woddrington,† late wyffe to Sir John Woddrington, late of Woddrington, in the countie of Northumberland, knight, deceased. My bodye to

* A member of a wide-spreading clan in Weardale, still numerous in the western parts of the county of Durham. A semi-hereditary title of park keeper to the bishop was attached to the family, and the testator seems to have been well equipped, not only for "the hunting of the deer," but also for preserving them from the lawless propensities of the ruggers and rievers of that wild district.

† Daughter of Sir Edward Gower, of Stittenham, co. York, knt., and the second wife of her husband, the head of one of the first families in Northumberland, sheriff and knight of the shire for the county. He was actively employed in the borders, having been first deputy, and afterwards warden, of the middle Marches. See ped. in Hodgson's Northumberland, vol. ii. pt. 2, p. 235.

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be buried within the parishe churche of Sancte Nicholas, within the towne of Newcastell-upon-Tyne, at the dyscretion of my executor, heareafter named. I gyve, to be distributed to the poore people, 20s. To my two sonnes, Benwell and Efferam Woddrington,* all my righte and tearme of years, which I have in the rectorie or personage of Kirke Whelpington, in the saide countie of Northumberland, for th'obteyninge of wich saide lease, there ys remaning, in the handes of Mr. John Morlay, 60*l.*; provided alwayes, that yf the saide lease be obteyned, that then the saide Benwell and Efferam Woddrington shall paye yearlie, duringe the contynnannce of saide lease, unto my doughter Barbare Woddrington 53s. 4d. And yf the saide lease cannot be obteyned, then I gyve to the saide Benwell and Efferam Woddrington, and to either of them 20*l.*, parcell of the saide 60*l.*, remayninge in the handes of the saide John Morley. Also I gyve unto my sonne William Woddrington 5*l.*, and the beste colte that he will chose. To my sonne William, his doughter, Elizabethe Woddrington, 5*l.* To my sonne Isaac Woddrington 5*l.*, and the nexte beste colte he will chose. And yf the saide lease, before expressed, be not obteyned, then I gyve to my saide doughter Barbarey Woddrington 10*l.*, to be payed at her mariage, for her better prefarmente, as my executoure shall thinke moste convenyente. I gyve to my doughter Jane Carnabye† my beste suite of apperrell, that ys to saye, my Frenche howde, my beste gowne, dublett, kyrtell of velvitt, and beste peticote. Also I will that my doughter Sara shall have 45*l.*, which was due unto her, in full contentacion of her childe's porcion, due unto her ffyirthe of the goods and cattells of her late father Sir John Woddrington, knighte, deceased: provided also, that all and singuler the bequestes, before mencioned, shall not be payed unto one hole yeare be expired, nexte after my deathe. I gyve to John Woddrington, sonne to my saide sonne Roberte Woddrington,‡ one bedd of downes, with all the furniture thereunto belonginge, which ys remayninge within the saide towne of Newcastell, with the beste beddstockes at Plessey, and the chamber, as yt nowe standeth, undefaced, together also wythe my greateste furnishe rackes and spittes, at Plessey and Chibburne, the tables in the hall, with all the ffurniture as yt nowe standithe, the copper, all the brewinge vessells, as they stande, the butterye with the

* Afterwards Sir Ephraim Widdrington, Knt., of Ritton, ancestor of the Widdringtons, of West Harle, co. Northumberland.

† The wife of John Carnaby, of Langley, gentleman.

‡ Afterwards of Monk Wearmouth, co. Durham; he married Margaret, daughter of Robert lord Ogle, by whom he had an only son John, mentioned above by his grandmother, the testatrix.

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tonninge vessell, and the beffe tubbes, together also with all my cooles, lyinge at the pitt and staythes, wethowte anye acompte makinge for the same. To everye one of my servinge men a quarter's wayges. To my servannte Barbare Woddrington my nexte beste cloithe gowne, garded with velvitt, with a tawnye taffitie dublett, a fether bedd with the furnitoure thereonto belonginge, together also with one yonge newe-calved cowe, at the discretion of my doughter. To Rauffe Lawrence, th'elder 40s., and to his sonne Rauffe Lawrence 40s. To Jane Lawrence, doughter to the saide Lauffe Lawrence, a bedd of cloithes, sixe pece of pewther vessell, a pott and a panne, one laytyn basyn, together also with a newe-calved cowe. To Jane Howey, wedowe, 40s., and to her doughter Agnes Howey 10s. All the reste of my goodes &c., I gyve to my saide sonne Roberte Woddrington, whom I make my full and soole executoure, upon condition, that the saide Roberte Woddrington shall dyspoyne and gyve the reste of my goodes &c., equallie to be distributed emongeste and betwene my saide sonne Efferam Woddrington, and my three doughters, that ys to saye, Rebecca Woddrington, Marye Woddrington, and Martha Woddrington, at the dyscretion of my especiall good frende Sir Francis Russell, knighte,* who I shall mooste enterelie desire to be the supervysor of this my will, to see the same duelie and effectuallie executed, for the benifitt of my saide sonne and doughters, and for there prefarments, as my especiall assurance and truste ys in hym, and for his worshippe's paynes, therein to betaken, I doo gyve unto the saide Sir Frannces Russell, for a token, one white stude meare, and her stone colte. Witnesses, Robert Dudley, Rafe Lawrence, James Middilton, Willelmus Chamber hujus scriptor. [Pr. Aug. 4, 1584].

XLVII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS HUDSON.

May 3, 1582. I, John Hudsson, of the towne of Newcastell-upon-Tyne, marchant, hoolle of mynde and parfet in remembranc, prasse be unto Allmeghtte God, makes this my wyll and last testament, in manar and furme followeng. Item fyrst, I do gyve my sowell to Allmeghtte God, Fathar, Sone, and Holle Gooste, my Makar and Redemar. I belleve to be saved by the deethe and passhon of my Redemar, Jhesus Chryste

* Third son of the earl of Bedford, and son-in-law of Sir Thomas Forster, knt., warden of the middle Marches. He was murdered July 27, 1585, at Hexpethgatehead, during a meeting of truce, and was buried at Alnwick. See *Archæol. Æliana*, vol. i., p. 3.

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the Reghteous, and trustethe to be saved by Hys presshus dethe and passhon. Item I do gyve unto my sone John Hudsson this howes that I dwell in, to hym and his ayrs for ever. And the rest of my howsses to be despossed at the dyscresshon of Jhaine, my wyff, whom I make my full sektor of all my wyll, and durryng hyr lyff, she to have all the howsses, for hyr manetenans, and all my othar goods whatsoever, she to have it to dyspoos it to the plesser of our Lord God, and to the comodytte of hyrselff, and such chyrdren of ours as hathe had no porsshons. To An Clarksson, my dowghtar, becawsse she had leest, I gyve 10*l.* moure as she maye spare it. To the poore allmas-howsses 20s. To poore housholldors 20s. Whatsoever my ant Surtys awethe me, upon condysshon that she forgyve me, I do forgyve hyr hartfulle, that she be not trubelled be my wyff. And thus our Lord God send hus a joyefull ressurreksshon, in the favor of our Lord God. Amen. I do gyve unto everye one of my doughtars, for a token, one angell, and to my cussyn Marget Hudsson, of Wodstonhous, 6s. 8d. To every of my thre antes 6s. 8d. And thus God send hus a good end in Cryste Jhesus. Amen. Be me John Hudsson.

Jhesus. 1582. And falleng of my two sonns, and thare chyldren, lawfulle begotten, then my lands to come eqwalle unto my thre dowghtars, and to the ares of thare boddes, lawfelle begotten, for ever. And falleng of my esshew and thayrs, then the same land to cowme unto Rauff Surtis, Robart Surtis, and to An Surtis, and to thare ayears of thare bodies, lawfulle begotten, for ever, and aftar all thers, unto the next of my kyn. And so I make my supervyssors of this my last wyll and testament, my welbelloved in Cryste Jhesus, Mr. Robart Barkar, alderman, my sone-in-lawe, my cossyn John Watsson, and my coussyn Robart Wylkensson. I gyve unto my syster Essabell Hardeng 10s. I dessyer of God that my suprovyssors wyll be a hellpe, in takeng of payns, to se my wyff and chylldren in good agrement, for that I have put all unto the dyscresshon of my wyff, for the bettar helpe of hyr and hyr chylldren, and for good agrement amongest them. And here I do ende, beesecheng God, of His grete marsse and goodnes, for His deare Soone Jhesus Cryste His sake, to make hus all partetakers of His hevenlly kyngdom for evermore. Amen. Be me John Hudsson.

Item all suche leagysseis as I have geven unto my thre dowghtors beffoore, I do gyve thame it, in full and holle pament of all and every partte of thare fellyall poretions of my goods. And so God bles hus all, and kepe hus in His hands for ever. Amen. Be me John Hudsson, 1582. [Pr. Sept. 23, 1584.]

Inv. Sept., 1584. One Bybell 10s. xij bonnten puder potes

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18s. j nest of selver goblates, iij dossen selver sponnes, and j selver salt 18*l.* j presser ambre 13s. 4d. j chest, with iij sutt of harnes, 4*l.* j chest, with his apparell, 9*l.* *The shoppe.** In fustyan and enkell 2*l.* 15s. j pese of bout clothe 1*l.* iiij yeardes vellure 1*l.* 4s. vj yeardes tuft mocado 10s. ij carpetes 1*l.* 4s. vj yeard of bumbace 10s. Fystyanan and seckwebe 17s. iiij elles of canves 10s. iij yearde of bustian 6s. 8d. vj yeardes of strippe canves 9s. viij yeardes lennen taffaty 12s. v boxses of comes 6s. x elles of course canves 10s. xxv yeardes of lyne cloth 1*l.* 5s. ij peses of camerick 4*l.* ij pesses of lyne 1*l.* 15s. xviij yerdes of lyne 1*l.* 4s. xviij yeard of course lyne 15s. vij yeardes of lyne 14s. xj yeardes of lyne 4s. xiiij yeards of lyne cloth 14s. iij yeardes of lyne cloth 15s. In lyne clothe more 2*l.* 18s. 10d. iiij lbs. suinge croull 13s. 4d. x lbs. suing skene thred 1*l.* v lbs. brod enkell 13s. 4d. ij lbs. of croull frenges 10s. 8d. ij lbs. red croull frenges 10s. 8d. xxij dossen statyf lase 1*l.* j pesse of bout clothe 12s. j lb. of suinge sylk 1*l.* 6s. iiij yeards of chamlatt 13s. 4d. vj lbs of pepeinge thred 1*l.* iiij roull of beltinge 1*l.* iij gros of brod lase 15s. In bellyment lase 1*l.* 15s. xxij dossen hempe 4*l.* 8s. vj rymes whyt pauper 1*l.* iij dossen pepper 6*l.* 8s. In playend cardes 1*l.* 10s. j dossen anetsedes, j dosen comminge 6s. 8d. j dossen of ryse 2s. 6d. j dossen gall 10s. j dossen poundes fyne stell 3s. xij lbs. of anlates 10s. j dossen sayl-twine 6s. 8d. iiij gros of pynes 1*l.* 4s. In bouckes 1*l.* 7s. j some of elsane blades 8s. In red wax and glaspes and kepers 4s. vj lbs. large mace 3*l.* iij cappes 8s. j lb. saffron 13s. 4d. ij dossen suger cande 1*l.* 4s. iiij boxses of comes 6s. xx cloutes of nedell 16s. In bottens and thymbles 11s. j lb. of sylk 1*l.* 10s. In brod cloth 2*l.* 10s. xiiij wespes of stell 16s. In lantrons 10s. ij fyne taffyte hates 1*l.* iij kettell 1*l.* j shopp kest 5s. j presser in the shopp 6s. *The lynt loft.* Thre last and half of lynt 87*l.* xxiiij boulls of rye 4*l.* *The sellar.* Thre tonnes of iron 30*l.* vj barrell of sopp 9*l.* In houpes 1*l.* 10s. cc rossell 1*l.* xxv barrell of tarre 7*l.* 10s. ccc couperas 1*l.* 10s. cxx pronnes 1*l.* cc iron weights 10s. In deall 3*l.* Some totalis of goodes and debtes 402*l.* 16s. 8d.

XLVIII. TESTAMENTUM† ROBERTI TONSTALL.

Oct. 17, 1584. Nomine Dei. Amen. I will that my bodie

* The stock of goods in the shop is given in full.

† The following draught is appended to the original will, on a separate sheet of paper, and not in the handwriting of the testator:—"In nomine Dei. Amen. I comyt my soull to the handes of Almightie God, and my bodye to be byryed at Norton, besyde my father. I geve to Rownton, East Harlesay, and St. Oswoldes, 30s. I geve to Richard Brakenbury my sonne John Tonstall, if he will be so

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be burid with my father. I do geve to the poor of bowth Est Harlesey and St. Oswaldes 30s. I do give my boie to Rychard Brackenbry,* if he wilbe so good as to taik him, if he will not, thein I will, that my wif shall hav him, durying her wedowhood. I geve all my goodes to my children, trusting that my wif will, of her goodnes, taik no thrides ffrom them. I desyre Mr. Conyers, of Sockburn, to gev the boie his obligacion, which I have in keping, and to be a godfather unto him. I maik my wif my executor, and I assyne my brother Bryan and Jhon to demaund that yerelie sum of 10*l.*, which Arther Bewchirer, and his wif, is bound to assure unto him, durying his lif, naturall, and if he maik refusal, the demaund maid, then I will he be streghtwaie sewad. If my wif mare agane, and that Richard Bracken will not taik the boie, I geve him freelie to his godfather, and my wif to have the occupacion of the goods, during her widohed.

ROBERT TONSTALL.†

I ow John Gowland for six kyne, and some more. I ow Henry Brasse 5*l.* and more. Owen unto me by my ladie Constable 14*l.*‡ [Pr. Oct. 17, 1584.]

INV. In the handes of John Hirdman and Richard Hemsleye, for corne, and xiiij heade of younge cattell, 45*l.* In the handes of *(blank)* Metcalffe, of Stedull, for corne, 20*l.* In the handes of William Hebborne and Metcalffe 45*l.* For shepe

good as to take him, and his annuitye of 10*l.*, which Arthur Boutcher and John Rydman stand bound to him in 500*l.* If he will not take him, I will that my wife shall have him, duringe her weydohead." The draught then proceeds, as in the will, up to the testator's signature, except that "my sonne John" is written in place of "the boie," "Arthur Bowsor" in place of "Arthur Bowchiser," and "Brackenbury" in place of "Bracken." The draught then goes on as follows: "I geve to Anthonie Tonstall my fole of the bay meare. To my nece Elyzabeth Tonstall my gray fyllye, that comes of my great gray meare. I geve to my two neces, Ann and Frances Tonstall, either of them, two cowes and two lambes. I geve to my sonne John my sword that Robert Conyers hath. I will that my croppe be sowen, to the use of my children."

* Probably Richard Brackenbury, esq., gentleman usher to Queen Elizabeth, his wife's uncle.

† Of Stockton-on-Tees, co. Durham, the fourth son of Anthony Tonstall, bailiff of Stockton. He was under-sheriff of the county of Durham in 1575. He married Anne, daughter and co-heir of Cuthbert Brackenbury, of Selaby, esquire, and left two children, Ellen, the wife of James Milner, of Kirklington, co. York, and "my boie" mentioned in the will, afterwards Sir John Tonstall, of Edgecombe house, co. Surrey, gentleman usher to Queen Anne, the wife of James I. Anthony Tonstall, who occurs in the draught appended to the will, was the only son of his brother John; and the three nieces, of the same document, were the only children of his brother Bryan. The will of his brother John is printed in this volume, p. 79.

‡ The whole will, *manu testatoris*, written at different times, at least when better or worse, the latter part when in *extremis*, and so confused as to be unintelligible.

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20*l.* In th'andes of Brian Tunstall, for oxen, 12*l.* In th'andes of Brian Tunstall and Raiphe Tunstall, and wher they have sold them, for plewghe gere, wayne gere, irne gere, and irne harrowes, 8*l.* In th'andes of Raiphe Tunstall, a mere and a fole, 36s. 8d. In th'andes of John Tunstall's wiffe, a horse, 36s. 8d. For a stone horse, which Cuthbert Marshall had, 4*l.* All the hoshold stuffe, and his bookes, and apperrell, 16*l.* In the hands of Raphe Tunstall 4*l.* 6s. 8d., and a diamont ringe, price 3*l.*, the which 4*l.* 6s. 8d. he did receyve of Mr. Heburne. Swyne 26s. 8d. A bed, with the appurtenences, 20s. ✠

XLIX. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI EDEN.

June 20, 1584. Robert Eden,* of Weste Auklande, to be buryed within the queare of St. Ellyn's church. To the poore men's boxe ther 3s. 4d. To my father one Frenche crowne, to make hym a rynge, for a token of remembrance. To my aunte Claxton† the beste cowe I have, that she wyll chose, with her follower. To John Eden, my sonne, my beste horse, being my bay stoned coulte, goynge at Blaxton. To my two yonger sonns, Wylliam and Rauffe Eden, to eyther of them 5*l.* annuitie, out of my landes in Wyndleston, after the decease of my father, when they shall come to th'age of xxj yeres. To my unckle Claxton one other Frenche crowne, to make hym a rynge on. To my cousynge Lancelott Skelton,‡ one browne gryselde stage, of th'age of two years, and the advantage. To Francys and Ane Claxton, my coussyngs, to eyther of them 5s., and forther I wyll, that my wyfe shall pay unto John Claxton, my coussynge, 33s. 4d. yerelye, so longe as he remayneth at th'ins of courte, untyll he be utter barester, accordyng unto my grant. To Ellynor Blaxton one whye styrke. To Anthony Thirkelt, William Couke, Christopher Lowson, and William Browne, to everye one of them 3s. 4d. To my wyfe the lands, which I have in revertion, in St. Ellen Aukland, beynge 10*l.* by

* Of a family of some antiquity in the county of Durham, and which, in later times, has produced several distinguished diplomatists. The present head of the house is Sir William Eden, of Windleston, bart. The testator was the son of John Eden, of Belsis, co. Durham, in right of his wife, Elizabeth, sister and co-heir of Marmaduke Lambton, of Belsis, esq. He married Jane, daughter and co-heir of John Hutton, of Hunwick, co. Durham. The will and inventory of his father are printed in this volume.

† Alice, wife of Robert Claxton, of Old Park, esq., and sister of the testator's mother. The cousins Claxton, to whom he makes bequests, were her children.

‡ Son of William Skelton, of Armeswell, co. York, esq., who married Frances, another sister of Marmaduke Lambton.

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yere, yf she shall fortune to survive Mistres Constable. And further wheras John Eden, my sonne, by his owne free wyll, is contented that I his father shall appoynte and assigne the right, which he haith in Belses, after my decease (yf God shall call me at this instant), untill he accomplyshe the age of xxj yeres: I therfor wyll, that my said sonne shall be brought upp att the scole, untyll he be meete and fytt for the universitie, and so sone as he shalbe fytt and able to go thither, then I wyll that he shall have xx marks yerely, payd out of Belses, to maynteane hym, and when he shall go to the ins of court, then to have 20*l.* in lyke maner, and my wyfe to have the occupation of the said grounde, to her and her children, endurying the said terme, yf she so long be my wyfe, she payinge all things dewe for the same. I wyll that my sone John shall pay to everye one of his sisters, my daughters, the day of ther mariadge, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. The residewe of my godes &c., to Jane Eden, my wyfe, Wylliam and Rauffe Eden, my sonns, Jane, Margarett, Ellinor, Ane, and Meriall Eden, my dowghters, and to the childe that my wyfe ys withall, whome I make my sole and joynte executors, and they to dispose my goods to the glorie of God and their own comodities. Requieryng my uncle Claxton and my coussynge Skelton to be supervisors. Signed the xv of Auguste in the presence of Anthony Hutton, George Toccottes, Mathew Crawthorn, and Richarde Daniell, by me ROBERT EDEN. [Pr. Nov. 26, 1584.]

L. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI DOWENS.

November 25, 1584. Henry Dowenes,* of the parish of Escombe. To be buryed in the parishe churche of St. Andrewe, Aucklande. To my mother Ales Baynes 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Elyzabeth, my wyfe, a gray maire, and a yong fillie. To my brother,

* Of a respectable family of yeomen, settled at Escombe and Evenwood, co. Durham. George Downes, of Evenwood, entered a pedigree at the visitation in 1615. The testator married Elizabeth, daughter of William Baines, of Middleston, gent., of a family which came from Selloth, co. Lancaster. His will is dated Nov. 14, 1584, "William Baines, of Middleston, par. of St. Andrew's, gentleman. To be buried within my parish church, as nigh my sonne as convenantly yt may be. To my sonne Robert sixe silver spones, one silver salte, with a cover of silver, a feather bed, and a bedstead, being corded, &c., and two chistes, which are at my house, called Selett hall. To Alse, my wife, one litell stagg, with a white roche in the face, &c. To Grace, my daughter, one gray fillie. To Elizabeth, my daughter, one bawson bay fillie. To Agnes, wife of Richard Midleton, and to Marie and Alse, his daughters, one yewe and a lamb eache." He mentions Rauff Downes and his children, and Henry Downes. He makes his wife and two daughters executors, and Briane Downes, supervisour, and he gives him an angell of gold. [Pr. Jan. 23, 1584-5.]

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Raphe Dowens,* 10s., and to Margerey Dowens, his wyfe, 5s. To Edward Lynne a bay colte. To my brother Raphe, his children, being fyve, every one of theim one ewe and a lambe. To my brother Robert Baynes a blacke colt, which I have in Lonkinshere, and 10s. To my brother-in-law Richard Midleton, 10s. To my sister Agnes Midleton, and hir two children, 5s. To my sisters, Grace Baynes and Elizabeth Baynes, 33s. 4d. each. To Elyzabeth, my wife, the best cowe I have. I geve my beste blewe cote to my brother Raphe Downes, and my cognazance to my brother Robert Baynes. To Edwarde Lynne my other blewe coote, and a paire of read britches, and a white fustyan dublet, laid with layce. To my brother Robert Baynes my best knitte stockins. To my brother Raphe Dowens my next beste knitt stockins. To Margarett Lynne a cowell, and a lytle almerey. To my brother Raphe Dowens my beste kanvishe dublet. To my brother Robert Baynes my raper with hingers. To my brother Raphe Dowens my girdle and my dagger. To Edward Lynne my longe sworde. To William Wylde a cutt fustyan dublett, and a freyce gyrkyn, and as much freice to be him a paire of britches. To my brother Raphe Dowens my best morray britches, and to his sone Anthony a pee. To Elizabeth, my wyfe, my grene cloke. To Thomas Laxe a blaike clothe dublett, and a paire of rounde britches. To George Arrosmithe a fustyan dublett, laide with blewe laice. To William Wylde two paire of clothe stockins. To my brother Raphe Dowens a paire of blewe boote hoose. To Christopher Dowens a freice coote, and my bootes and spurres. To Edwarde Lynne another freice coote. To Thomas Laxe a white freice gyrkyn. To my brother Raphe Dowens a white freice gyrkyn. To Bryan Dowens a white freice gyrkyn. To my godsonne Henry Dowens a kanvishe dublett, drawen out with tafte. To my sister Agnes Midleton a blacke whie stirke. To Robert Midleton, son of Richard Midleton, a whie calfe. To Margaret Lynne two ewes and two lambes. To Barnarde Dowens 5s. To Mr. Bryan Dowens 5s. To Robert Baynes a litle black horne. To Anthony Dowens another horne, and the third horne to Edward Lynne. The rest of my goodes &c., to Elyzabeth, my

* Ralph Downes' will was made June 6, 1588. He desires to be buried in the church of Escomb, to the poor of which place he gives 12s. To his son Brian he leaves a messuage, with the lands, lying in the town and fields of Auckland, which he bought of Robert Hogg. To his son Henry three houses, burgages, &c., in Newgate and Bishop Auckland, and he to pay to his sister, Elizabeth, 6*l.* 13s. 4d., when she comes to eighteen years of age. His wife, Margaret, and children, Anthony, Christopher, Brian, Henry and Elizabeth, executors, and Brian Downes and Gregorie Butler, gent., supervisors. His goods amounted to 90*l.* 17s., and his debts were 15*l.* 10s.

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wyfe, whom I make executrix, and I make Mr. Bryan Dowens supervysoure. [Pr. March 6, 1584-5.]

LI. TESTAMENTUM REGINALDI SWYNBURNE.

Apr. 10, 1585. Ranolde Swynborne,* of Bothall, in the countie of Northumberland, gentlemane. To be buried within the parish churche of Botholl. I give unto my sister Jane Swinborne all thos obligacions, which John Rydley, of Chostlie, and Nycholas Rydley, of Willementes, dothe stannde bound unto me, for the payment of 80*l.*, and my lease of the tyth corne of Branntoun, which I had of Thomas Dalavell. To the right honourable my ladie Ogle one bagge of money, with 20*l.* in yt. And I give unto her my sister Jane, trustinge her ladishipe will stannde her good ladye and mistresse. To the right honourable my lord Ogle, my master, my browne horse. To Robert Musgrave my rackinge black nagge. To Cuthbert Musgrave my trottinge black nagge. To John Musgrave x boules of ottes. To my cosine Ussulay Swynborne xx shep hogs. To Mergerie Ogle, my cosine, xx boules of ottes. To Thomas and Leonarde Musgrave ij quies. To my cozine John Ogle 20s. To my brother Thomas Musgrave xij yewes. To the poore people of Botholl parishe 20s. To everie of the maides of the landerie house 2s. 6d. The reste of my goodes &c., to the righte honourable my ladie Ogle, and my sister Jane Swynborne, whom I mak my full executors. Witnesses Luck Shaftoe, Robert Ogle, Henry Ogle, William Mylborne, Andrew Davisone and Nycholas Rydley, clerk.

Nycholas Ridlye, clerke, owes him 56s. John Browne, of Chapington, for x boules of ottes, 56s. 8d., suretie Thomas Ogle, of Hepscotte. The lorde of Walleridge, for x boules of ottes, 43s. 4d., suretie Matte Hedlie, of Black Heddon. Raiphe Ogle, of Saltwick, 26s. 8d. Owen by two Tyndells, of Black Heddon, for xx boules of ottes, 4*l.* Cuthbert Ogle, of Chapingtonne, 16s. Robert Gibsonne, cooke, 10s. Gawine Harle, for vj boules of ottes, 24s. Luck Shaftoe 46s. 6d. Lent to my brother Thomas Swinborne 8*l.* Bryane Ogle 19s. Summa 30*l.* 5s. He owes to Railphe Erringtone 36*l.* To Johne Graye, of Newcastle, 40s. Summa 38*l.*

* Possibly an unrecorded son of William Swinburne, of Capheaton, esq., by Clara, daughter of William Carnaby, of Halton, esq.; if so, his name Reginald comes from his mother's family. He appears to have been a retainer of the family of the Ogles at Bothall.

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LII. TESTAMENTUM RADULPHI RICHESON, NUPER NOVI CASTRI, MERCATORIS.

Apr. 15, 1585. Rawfe Richerson,* of Scuttes-house, in the countie of Durham, merchant. To be buried in Brancepeth churche. My tenement and lands at Scuttes-house to George Riddell, my master, his sonne, and his heirs, he payinge yerlie to Agnes Richerson, my sister, forthe of the said tenement, 40s. To John Jaxon my lease of Pyngle house, and the intaike ther. To Henry Riddell my hole parte of the cole mynes, att St. Edmunds, in Gatishead, one stagg of fower yere old, and 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Thomas Riddell my meare. To Peter Riddell, the yonger, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To William Riddell, the yonger, George and Michaell Riddell 6*l.* 13s. 4d. each. To my mistres 6*l.* 13s. 4d., and my ambling meare. To Marye Riddell 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Peter Riddell, th'elder, one angell. To Mr. Thomas Calverley and his wife, either of them one angell. To John Fetherstonhaulghe two angells. To Rouland Tempest one angell. To Lancelot Shafto, Nicholas Brian, Rauffe Wallington, Jane the nurse and Eppie Fenwick, 5s. each. To Martyn Jaxon 10*l.*, two fillies, my old meare, and my Yorkshire cloke. To John Jaxon 20*l.*, my best cloke, and one baye meare. To Margarett Jaxon 10*l.*, and a fetherbed ticke. To Marie Jaxon 20*l.*, and all my houshold stuf at Scuttes-house. To Elizabeth Jaxon 10*l.* To my syster Agnes Richerson 20*l.* To Nycholas and Henry Fetherstonhaulghe, Isabell and Michaell Pemerton, my sister Christobell Craggs, Alexander Fetherstonhaulghe, Thomas Batmanson, Jerrard Richerson, everie of them one angell. To Michaell Ayre my white nagg, and to his wife my bay nagg. To Michaell Cragg my chamlett britches, violett britches, and my next best cloke. To the poore of Brancepeth lordship 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To the poore att Newcastell 6*l.* 13s. 4d., wherof to Isabell Carlell, one of the poore people, 13s. 4d. The rest of my goodes to my master William Riddell whom I make sole executor. [Pr. Apr. 30, 1585.]

Inv. Apr. 27, 1585. Twelve oxen 28*l.* xij stirkes 8*l.* x twinters 9*l.* xx weaders and ij tuppes 6*l.* Fower score and xviij yonger shepe 16*l.* 13s. 4d. v kyne and an oxe 9*l.* One graie mare 5*l.* One graie stagge 2*l.* 6s. 8d. One white racking meare

* The testator appears to have been a native of the parish of Branspeth, and hence his bequests to Fetherstons and Pembertons. He had been in partnership with William Riddell, mayor of Newcastle, 1582, 1590, 1595; and grateful and pleasant recollections of their connection seem to have dictated the disposition of his effects, for he leaves most of them to his master and his family.

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33s. 4d. One white nagge 33s. 4d. One graie fillie 26s. 8d. One olde graie meare 20s. One baie nagge 23s. 4d. One little baie meare 20s. One blacke fillie 29s. Two sowes 10s. In hay 13*l.* 6s. 8d. A longe wayne, with plewghe, and some, and all wayne geare 40s. In fine bourdys 20s. In household stuffe 6*l.* 13s. 4d. His apparrell 3*l.* 6s. 8d. Michaell Metcalf oweth him, for xviij kyne and a bull, 36*l.* Mr. Henry Eshe, for a lease of Unthanke, 10*l.* xvij sheepe skynnes 10s. The lease of Pinglehowe, and the corne theare on the grounde, 5*l.* 10s. The said Raphe Richeson had in stock with me, his executor, at the tyme of his death, in debtes and waires, over and besides that which was taken foorthe by him, 157*l.* 16s. For his parte of the coles, being a thirde parte, wroughte from Jan. 8, 1585, to the tyme of his death, the charges taken of, 8*l.* A quarter of a shippe, called the Premerose, 22*l.* Nicholas Featherstonhaughe owes him 3*l.* 6s. 8d. Anthony Lawis 6*l.* William Hall 40s. William Billingham 40s. Owinge to him for oxen 10*l.* In goulde and Spanish money 10s. xxj yardes of blewe elevanntes taffetie, at 22d. a yarde, 38s. 4d. ij cole waynes, with the furniture, at Gateside, 20s. The thirde parte of certaine coole mynes, or coole pittes, in Gatesyde, praysed by Mr. Robart Dudley and Mr. George Dente, gentlemen, 20*l.* Some totall 416*l.* 4s. 4d. ✠

LIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BURRELL.

July 3, 1585. I John Burrell,* of Headlam, hole in bodye, mynde and memory, ordeyn and makes this my present testament, conteininge in it my laste will, in maner and fourme followinge. Firste, and before all other tinges, I commet mi soule and body unto my Lorde God, the Maker and Redemer therof, and to His mercy, belyvynge, without any dout or mystruste, that by His grace, and the meryttes of Jesus Christe, and by the vertue of His passion, and of His resurrection, I have and shall have remission of my synnes, and resurrection of soule and body,

* Son of Cuthbert Burrell, of Headlam, co. Durham, and his wife, Margaret Garth. His father's will was proved Jan. 14, 1580. He mentions his brother John, his sons John and Percival, his son-in-law Mr. Dode. He leaves to his wife, and after her death, to his two sons, all his leases in Diance (Dyons). To his son John he gives, "all my harnes to serve the Quene, for defence of the realme, that is to saye, a jacke, a stell cappe, a stuffed cote, a sworde, a buckeler, a bowe and a quiver."

The testator's will contains a lengthy profession of his faith, and the expression of the same religious feeling, which dictated it, is found, in a few instances, among the wills of the period. The whole document is in the handwriting of the testator, and bears evident signs of being also of his own composing.

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and I am sure that my Redemer leveth, and that I shall ryse out of the earth in the laste day, and that I shalbe clothed agayne with this skine, and se God in my flesshe, that I myselfe shal behould Hym, not with other, but the same my eyes. My grounde and belefe is, that there is but one God, and one mediator, betwene God and man, the which is Christe Jesu, accordinge as I finde yt writtin in the Scriptures, of God, canonicall. And as tuching my temporall goodes, the destributinge of them, my purpos is, by the grace of God, to bestowe them, as frutes of fath, so that I do not suppose, but that my merytes are good in bestowinge of them, but my perfitt belefe is, that my merets ar and shalbe in the fath, I have before resited. Item I wyll that my executors and overseers, hereof named, shall se or cause my body to be cowvered in the earth, where it shall please God to aponte the place, in a decent order, accordinge to the lawes and usuall custome of this reame. Item I geve unto the poor inhabitors of the parrysshe of Gaynforth, where I nowe dwell, amonge the poor and nedeest of them, 10s. To my sonne Rychert Burrell a eireon wayne, a turned teame, and towe tables in the fore howse. To my sonne Robert Burrell my burgaige in Darlinton, and the best mare or horse. To Cuthbert Burrell, my sonne, the next best horse. The rest of my goodes &c., to my sonne Rychert Burrell, whome I make my sole executor, and my towe doughters Margait and Ealinour Burrel to have their portions. I make my speciall and trusty fryndes, Ninean Watson, of Summerhouse, and Henry Cockfelde, of Lankton, overseers. In wytnes wherof, I the above named John Burrell, have set theareunto my hande, and sealled it with my marke and seale, thes letters C. B. graven in the same seall,* for the better knowledges of this present, to be a manifest truth, the day and yeare above wretten. And thus the God of peace, the which sent into this worlde His moste entere and welbeloved sonne Christe Jesu, for to redeme the worlde from synne, and in Him was there no synne, beinge alwayes equall with God, the Father, as towching His Godhed, very God frome the beginnyng, and so remaneth for ever the same God. Jesu be with all the fathfull congregacion, and all the electe people of God, oure Saviour and Redemer, wheresoever they be dispersed, throught the unyversall world: unto this oure moste mercifull God and Lord, oure Savioure Christe Jesu, be all honoure and glory, in this worlde and in the worlde to come, both now and for ever more. Amen. Per me JOHN BURRELL.

* This seal is still affixed to the will; it is a very primitive piece of work, and appears to have been of home manufacture.

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LIV. TESTAMENTUM JACOBI SHAFTOW.

May 12, 1585. James Shaftow,* of Pontiland, in the countie of Northumberland, blacksmith. To be buryed, honestly, in the churchyard of Pontiland. I will that my welbeloved wief Elizabeth Shaftow shall have one full third parte of all my goodes &c., and that she have the occupation of that cotage, whiche I holde in Pontiland, duringe her sole and pure widowhode, so alwaies that she take upon her the charge of my thre children, during their nonage, bringinge them up in vertue and in the feare of God. And if she refuse so to do, then the same cotage shalbe to and for the use and bringing up of my said children, untill my yonger son John Shaftow shall come to xxj yeres, at what tyme, I will the said cotage, with the smythie or workshop therto belonginge, shalbe to the use of my said son John, so far forthe, as he shall, in the meantime, learn, and at that tyme use and exercise, the art of smithes-craft. To my said son John all my worke loomes, tooles and instrumentes of myne occupation of smithes-craft. To myne elder son Rychard one black hawked heifer, or qwhye. All the rest of my goodes &c., to my children, Richard, John and Elizabeth, the laste of whiche I maik executor. Witnesses, Richard Hancok, clerk, George Rush, yeoman, Julian Mitford, widowe. [Pr. July, 16, 1585.]

Inv. June 30, 1585. Fower oxen 4*l.* ij kie and j calf 53s. 4d. iiij kie and j branded stirk 4*l.* 6s. 8d. j stot and a whie 18s. j other qwhie 6s. 8d. j mare 20s. viij yews and viij lambes 37s. 4d. j old gose and viij yong 3s. 4d. j almry, ij cawells, and iiij chestes, 37s. iij tubs, ij colloks, ij cans and j masking tub, 2s. 10d. iij bras pots 12s. iij kettils, ij little pans, and j pair of potclips, 10s. ix old pewter doblars and vij wodden doblars 3s. ij canstiks and ij salts 6d. iiij happings, iiij sheets and j coverlat, 6s. 8d. j bord and a settel 8d. j yron chymney, and j paire of tongs, croke, a gib, and a broche, 7s. 8d. j caser, j chair, and a launce, 12d. j long wayne without wheels, ij yron ax-nailes, and ij yokes, 6s. j cowpe, ij trams, and two ax-trees, 2s. 8d. An yron solme, a bolt, and a shackil with iij cutwyddies. vj hens and j cok 2s. The tooles and workloms, with other furniture in the shop, 33s. 4d. Summa 21*l.* 18s. 7d. Debtes by him owing unto dyvers persons is 26s. So resteth debtless 20*l.* 12s. ✠

* The will and inventory of a country blacksmith. A volume like the present ought to give us a picture of the status of the tradesman and the village artizan, as well as of the gentleman or esquire.

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LV. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI GREY.

Oct. 11, 1585. William Grey,* of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, mylner. My bodie to be buryed within the churche-yeard of Sancte John. To the poore of the Spittell almeshouse 2s. 6d. To th'almeshouse, besyd my house, 2s. 6d. To Jane Stoberte a chiste of oke, and to her sister a coffer. To Jane Grey, my brother's wyfe, my wyfe's blewe violett froke. To John Rogerson a greite axe, and ij wombles, with a sawe. To Marke Rogerson all my sonne's apparell. To Agnes Peareson a Danske chiste, standing before my bedsyde, with a Danske potte, and my wyfe's gowne. To William Purdus, his wyfe, my dowghter's workedaye ramente, viz., a kyrtle, a safegard, a smoke, and a hatt. To Christobell Graye a petticote of my dowghter's. To Dorithie Gray a white russett kyrtle. To Sir Cuthberte, curate of Alhallowes, 6s. 8d. I do forgyve Thomas Graye 4s., he oweth me. To my father foure yeardes of russett. To William Reesley my pickes and a hatchett. To Henry Fenkell my white horse. To Janet Stobarte a brasse potte. To Richard Hall a white horse. To Christobell Fletcher a Danske chiste. To Thomas Spurre my best brasse potte, and my girdle. To my brother my blake horse. To my brother's sonne, John Grey, my olde grey horse. To Nicholas Hall a chiste in the mylne, and a paire of yron fetters. To Umfraye Grey my dagger and my sword, and ij yeardes of white freise. To John Grey, my brother's sonne, my sonne's hatt. To my brother all my apparell. I geve my dowghter Isabell Grey, and all my lands, to my brother John Grey, untill she come to lawful yeres, and if it shall please God that she shall dye, then I geve all my landes to my brother John and his heires, and I make him executor.

Inv. Nov. 15, 1585. A pycke stafe 12d. *His owne apparell.* Two gownes, and two brod-clothe jackettes, 17s. 4d. One brod-clothe jerkyn, j lether jerkyn, and j paire of longe hoes, 8s. 4d. Another lether jerkyn 12d. Two lynnen shirtes 5s. 4d. A dagger, a sword, and a girdle, 22d. A white russett cloke 2s. A payer of lether briches and a jerkyn 4s. A cape 6d. Two paire of shorte hoes 8d. *His wyfe's apparell.* A gowne 10s. One kyrtle, a petycote, one payre of newe sleves, ij kerchyfes,

* A Newcastle miller, who died, with his whole family, of the plague, of which scourge the visitations were about this time frequent. The inventory is a very curious one: the clothing of his wife and of his several children, is particularly enumerated, and the disbursements at the end, relating to the care of the sick, and the purifying of the house, give us a picture of the plague such as is rarely to be met with.

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and iiij rayles, 15s. 8d. One gylted rynge, ij taches, and a harte of silver, thre silver ringes and one whissell, a pece of sylver enameled, and a violette froke, 5s. A read hatt and a cape 2s. *Robert Greye's apparell.* One blewe jackett, j blewe jerkyn, j worsett jerkyn, and j russett jerkyn, 7s. A paire of russett briches, a paire of white briches, a paire of knyte hoes, and a paire of carsey hoes, 2s. 8d. A cape, a hate, and iij straken shirtes, 4s. 4d. A prayer booke 3s. 8d. *Margaret Greye's apparell.* One stammell petticote, and j brod-clothe savegard, 20s. One petticote of house-wyfe clothe, and a savegard, 11s. An upper bodye of durance, a paire of newe blake hoes, and a newe apren of durance, laid with laice, 7s. 2d. A felte hatt, iij kerchifes, and vij patletts, 15s. 8d. Fyve paire of sleves, ij lynnen aprens, a crose clothe, a kyfe, and a silke belte, 11s. *Marye Greye's apparell.* One stammell petticote, and a savegard, 20s. 4s. A read petticote, with fringes, 6s. A russett petticote 3s. 4d. Seven patletts, vj kerchifes, iiij paire of lynnen sleves, and a fustian waistcote, 24s. 8d. An apren of durance, with sylver kepers, 4s. Thre crose clothes, ij kyves, ij handkerchyfes, and j shirte band, 5s. 10d. One waistcote 8d. *In the mylne.* Certeyn cogges and rungs, &c., 4s. Two bunches of lattes 16d. Thre loyde saddles 4s. Two paire of lynkes for horses 2s. Two paire of trusse roppes 16d. Foure skeppes 4d. *Alice Greye's apparell.* Two smokes 12d. A white russett cote 2s. A lynnen apren and a harden apren 6d. Two copper ringes. A paire of hoes, and a paire of shoes, 6d. Somme totall of his goodes 42*l.* 3s. 11s. *Disbursed for the said testator in the tyme of his visitation, and for cleansinge of his house.* To Agnes Lavarocke, for cleansinge of the house, beinge therin vij wekes, for her paines, 21s. For her meate and drinke, the said vij wekes, 17s. 6d. For her meate and drinke, one weke, after she came fourthe of the said house, 2s. 6d. To Margarett Purves, xiiij dayes, to helpe to cleanse the said house, for her paynes, 7s. For her meate and drinke, the said xiiij daies, 5s. For coales, candles, and sope, the said vij wekes, 7s. For brume and frankensence 10d. For carieing water, v wekes, to the said house, 5s. For his own meate and drinke, vj wekes, in a tower of the walles, 15s. For his dowghter Alice, her meate and drinke, iij wekes, 6s. For his dowghter Isabell, her meate and drink, x wekes, 20s. To Agnes Peireson, for kepeinge of them ix wekes, for her paynes, 12s. For her meate and drinke, the said ix wekes, 22s. 6d. To Margarett Wilson, for xiiij dayes, for to help them, for her paynes, 2s. For her meate and drinke, the said xiiij daies, 5s. For coales, candle and sope, viij wekes, 10s. 8d. For carieing of water, the said viij wekes, 8s. Funerall

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expences &c., of the said testator, his wyfe, Roberte Grey, Marye Grey, and Alice Grey, his children, 5*l.* 17s. 6d.

LVI. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI HODGSON.

March 1st, 1581. Richarde Hodshone,* of the towne of Newcastell-upon-Tyne, alderman and marchante, beinge of good and perfitt memorye, and not sicke of bodye, makethe this my laste will and testament, in manner and forme following. First I bequeathe my sowle to Almightye God, [and to all the blessed companye of heaven,]† and my bodye to be buryed withein Sainte Nicholas churche of Newcastell, yf yt please God to call me to His mercye, withein the sayd towne, or nyghe the same, or otherwyse to be buryed at the discretion of my freindes. I geve and bequeathe to my soonne Lancelote Hodshon 200*l.*, in full satisfaction of his child's portion. To my daughter Elizabethe Hedlye‡ xl markes, and more I geve unto hir and hir husbande, the lease of the Stobe close. I geve the howse, that I nowe dwell in, to my wyfe, for tearme of hir lyfe, and after hir deathe, to come unto my soonne Roberte Hodshone. I geve the howse, befor my dore, wherein my brother Robert Hodshone did dwell, called my brother Robert's chamber, withe all the shoppes and sellers, belonginge to the same, to my soonne William Hodshone, and his heires for ever. Also I geve unto my sayde soonne William, and his heires, the howse at the Raile Crosse, whiche I bought of Jhone Baxter, withe all the shoppes and sellers, belonginge to the same. I geve unto my soonne Richarde Hodshone all suche somes of monye as I have receaved, and ame to receave, for the two tenements, on the Sande hill, soulde unto Jhon Car and Raphe Cocke, marchants. To my sonnes, William and Richard Hodshon, and ther assignes, my lease, interest, and tearme of yeares of Bywell dame, withe my parte of the mylnes and fisshinges, belongine to the sayde dame. Also I bequeath to my sonnes William and Richarde

* This wealthy Newcastle merchant was the son of James Hodgson and his wife, one of the family of Sayer, of Worsall, co. York. He was sheriff of Newcastle 1549, mayor 1555, 1566, 1580. He married Isabel, daughter of James Lawson, of Nesham, mayor of Newcastle 1529, 1540, and widow of Gerard Fenwick, of Newcastle. He was a stout adherent of the old religion, and at the time of the rebellion in the North, Sadler thus writes of him, "of Sonday last, the protestants and papists, withyn Newcastell, made a fray, but Mr. Hodshon, a rank papist, ys put forth of the town, and the matter payssefed, praised be God." His faith shews itself in the sentence, at the beginning of his will, which has been crossed out. He was buried at Jarrow, Dec. 31, 1585.

† The sentence within brackets is struck out.

‡ The wife of Nicholas Hedley, of Lintz, par. Tanfield, co. Durham.

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Hodshone, or ther assignes, my parte and portion of the lease and tearme of yeares of Ovingham dame, withe my parte of the mylnes and fisshinges, belonginge to the same dame. I geve my lease of the Crosse more and Benwell to my sonnes William and Richard Hodshone, or ther assignes, provided alwayes, that my wyfe have the comodetye of the one halfe thereof, duringe hir lyfe, yf the lease indure so longe; and yf ther can be any profitt had of Benwell, then I will my wyfe and my two soonnes aforesayd, that they shall suffer James Barteram to have one quarter of a pitt ther, duringe all my sayd lease, payinge all chardges ratiblye for the same. I geve the interest and tearme of yeares of my parte, that I have, in one lease, granted by the Queane's Majestye, of the lordshippe of Gaytsyde and Whickhame, unto my sonne Lancelote Hodshon, durynge my tearme of years in the same, not expired. Also I geve unto my sayd wyfe the occupation of the coppieholde land of my farmeholde in Elswicke, for tearme of hir lyfe, and, after hir deathe, the same to come unto my soonne Robert Hodshon. Furthermore I geve unto my sayd wyfe the occupation of my lease of the Feelde howses, duringe hir lyfe, and also the occupation of my lease of the Thornye close, and yf yt shall happen that my wyfe dye, (as God forbide,) befor th'expiration of my sayd lease and leases of the Feelde howse and Thorny close, that then the remainant shall come to my sayd soonne Robert Hodshon. I geve unto my brother William Hodshon my best horse or mare, which he shall make choyce of, and to his sonne Jhone Hodshon v markes, and to everye one of his sisters 40s., for a token. I geve unto my sister Dorethye Wylly* an old ryall, for a token, and all suche monye as I have lent hir, or otherwyse that she is owinge me, in my debte booke, except mony lent two yeares before the dayt herof, whiche lent mony I will geve unto hir dawghters, Anne and Margerye Willye. Allso I geve unto my sayd sister on of my best horses, not bequeathed and geven away to my brother William, or my nephew Raphe Wyllye. I bequeathe unto my nephewe Raphe Willye and his wyfe, and to ether of them an angell, for a token: further I forgive hime all suche monye as I have lent unto him, or otherwyse that he is owinge unto me, in my debte booke, for waires, and the same to be crossed owte. And to his eldest daughter Jane Willye v markes. Also I geve him the best horse I have, at his choyce, next after my brother William Hodshon. I geve unto myn sister Dorethye Wyllye's two daughters xx markes, that is to wytt, to Anne Wylly 6*l.* 13s. 4d., and to Margerye Willye

* The wife of Ralph Willey, of Houghton-le-Side, par. Denton, gent. Their wills are printed in this volume, p. 96.

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6*l.* 13s. 4d. And to Katheren Sotheren,* my syster's daughter, for a token, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. I bequeathe to James Bartrame, and Elizabethe,† his wyfe, all suche monye as they ar owinge me, ether in lent monye, or for waires, and the same to be freelye forgeven them. Also I bequeathe to the sayd Elizabethe Bartrame, for a token, 6*l.* 13s. 4d., and to every on of hir children 40s. I geve unto Clement Ogle, and his wyfe, my sister, and to ether of them, on olde ryall, for a token, and, more, I do forgive them all suche mony as they ar owinge me, at the day of my deathe. I geve unto Richarde Ogle, Clement Ogle his sonne, 3*l.* 6s. 8d., and to all the residewe of his bretherent and systers 40s. a peece. I geve unto William Selby,‡ alderman and marchant, an olde ryall, for a token. I geve to his wyfe Elizabethe Selbye a golde ringe, that hir mother did geve me, and an old ryall, for a token, and I pray them bothe to be good unto my children, and geve them ther best advyce and cownsell. Also to George Selby, ther eldest soonne, v markes, and every one of his bretheren and sisters 40s. a peece. I geve to William Ryddell§ an olde ryall, for a token, and I pray him helpe my children withe his cownsell, as my trust is in him. Also I doe geve unto Peter Ryddell one angell, for a token, and to his sister Elioner Lawes 20s., and to every one of hir sisters an angell, for a token, for ther father's sake and other ther ancetors, by whome I have been preferred in my youthe. I geve unto Mr. Jhon Sayer, th'elder, of Worsell, an olde ryall, for a token, whome I desyer to be good unto my children, as my trust is in hime, and the lyke frendshippe I crave of the yonge gentleman Mr. Jhon Sayre, the yonger, to whome I geve an olde ryall, for a token, desieringe him to continewe withe myne the like good will haythe bene betwixt his father and me. I geve unto Benedict Chertesye an old ryall, for a token. I geve unto Thomas Tempest, his wyfe,‖ and to my syster, hir mother-in-lawe, and to ether of them an olde ryall, for a token. I geve

* Daughter of Dorothy Willey, and wife of William Sotheron, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, merchant.

† Another daughter of Dorothy Willey.

‡ Sheriff of Newcastle 1564, mayor 1573. He married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Gerard Fenwick, of Newcastle. His eldest son, George, was afterwards Sir George Selby, knight, sheriff and mayor of Newcastle.

§ Sheriff of Newcastle 1575, mayor, 1582, 1590, 1595. Ancestor of the family of Gateshead and Felton. His son Peter, mentioned below, was afterwards Sir Peter Riddell, knight, sheriff, mayor and M.P. for Newcastle.

‖ Probably Elizabeth, daughter of Rowland Place, of Halnaby, co. York, esq. She married first William Lawson, of Newcastle, and after his death, Thomas Tempest, of Stanley, esq. If so, her mother-in-law was Anne, daughter of John Marley, of Gibside, esq., who married first Nicholas Tempest, father of Thomas Tempest, and secondly . . . Hodgson.

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unto my brother-in-lawe Henrye Lawson,* of Neshame, and his wyfe, and to ether of them an olde ryall, for a token. And also to his children, and to every of them an angell, and the same to be delivered unto ther mother in kepinge. I geve unto Mr. Raphe Lawson, of Brughe, and his wyfe, and to ether of them an old ryall, for a token. Also I geve unto his sonne Roger Lawson 40s., and to the rest of his bretheren and sisters 20s. a pece. I geve to Mr. William Lawson,† of Thrope Bolmer, an old angell, for a token. I geve to my nephewes, Robert and Owinge Hodshon, and to ether of them v markes a pece. I do geve unto my syster-in-lawe Barbarye Scrivener‡ two olde angells, for a token, and also to hir children, James, Robert, Edward, Marke, and William Blunte, and to every of them 20s., for a token. I geve to Edward Nyxsone, my servant, 40s. And to every one of my keelman, that shall have the kepinge of a keele, at the hower of my deathe, 6s. 8d. I geve unto my servant, Jefferay Trotter, yf he continew withe me, 20s., over and besyds his waiges. And to all other my howsehold servantes, bothe men and women, a quarter's waiges, over and besyds that shalbe dew unto them. I bequeathe to my hynds Darnell and Walton 10s. a pece, and to the other of my hinds of Elswicke, Feeldhowse, and Tanfeild, and every of them, 6s. 8d. I bequeathe 40s., to be bestowed amongst the poore in Lanchester parryshe; lykewse 6*l*. 13s. 4d., to be geven amongest the poore in Newcastell. More for the releefe of the poore in Winlingeton lordshippe 40s., to be geven amongst them, as also to every collyer, workinge in the sayd lordshippe, at the day of my deathe, one daye's waiges. The rest of all my goods &c., I doe frely geve unto my wyfe Isabell Hodshon, and my sonne William Hodshon, whome I make executors. And I doe make supervisors my trusty freinds, Mr. Jhon Sayer, th'elder, and his eldest sonne Jhone Sayer, Mr. Raphe Lawsone, of Brughe, Mr. Henry Lawson, of Neshame, my brother William Hodshon, and Mr. William Selby, alderman and marchant, of Newcastell, whom I requier, as my truste is in them, that they wilbe good unto my

* Son of James Lawson, mayor of Newcastle, 1540, by Alice, daughter of George Bertram, of Newcastle. Ralph Lawson, of Brough, mentioned below, afterwards Sir Ralph Lawson, knight, was nephew of the testator's wife, and grandson of James Lawson. He was of Brough, in right of his wife.

† William Lawson, of Thorp Bulmer, was of another family of Lawsons, being the third son of William Lawson, of Usworth, co. Durham, esq. He was also connected with trade in Newcastle.

‡ Daughter of James Lawson, and sister of the testator's wife. Her first husband was Cuthbert Blunt, another Newcastle merchant. The trading families of Newcastle were connected, through and through, by marriage, and we can scarcely read one of their wills, without finding some member, of almost every merchant's family in the town, called cousin.

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children, and see this my last will and testament performed, accordinge to the trew meaninge therof. Wittnesses, William Hodshon, the elder, Raphe Lawson, Clement Ogle, Robart Jopline. Also I geve to my soonne Robert Hodshon as muche playte and howseholde stufe, as shall come to a hunderethe pownde, yf my shippes continewe ether solde or remayne in myne owne hands, witheowte any shippewrake. Witnesses, Raphe Lawson, William Hodshon, Clement Ogle.

LVII. ROBERT LAMBE,* OF NEWCASTLE, MARCHANNTE.

INVENTORY. Feb. 9, 1585-6. A Flannders chaire of peare tree 6s. ij Danske pottell pottes 8s. A skonce of wayneskott 2s. ij spittes, a liggen iron, and an iron crooke 3s. 4d. vj battry pannes 20s. A barber's basen of latten 2s. 6d. A wayneskott skreene to hange a towell on, and ij shredding knyves 20d. ij towelles, j of diaper, and j of hollens clothe, with a fine in it, 11s. A paire of sylck sarcenett curtens, with vallens, 50s. A downe bedd, iiij downe coddes and a bolster 5*l.* A paire of sea curtens, redd and greene, with the vallens, 3*l.* x earde pottendisshes 5s. ij halbertes 8s. *In apparrell.* A gowne of fyne black, faced with black budge, 3*l.* A satten doublett 33s. 4d. A jackett of tawny satten, garded with velvett, 13s. 4d. A grograyne jackett, withoute sleves, lade with lace, 6s. 8d. A gowne of howsewyves clothe, faced with cony, 13s. 4d. A sea gowne of russett 6s. 8d. A cloke of husewyves spynnyng 26s. 8d. An olde cloke 3s. iij olde dobletts and a fryes jerken 10s. An olde jerken 2s. iiij paire of britches 13s. 4d. A wastecote 16d. A pryvie cote 13s. ij flaggs for a ship, with pencers, 20s. iij silver gobbletts, parcell gylte, waying xxx ounces and a half, at 5s. 4d. per ounce, 8*l.* j gobblett of sylver, parcell gilte, waying xv ounces and a half, at 5s. per ounce, 3*l.* 12s. 6d. j silver pott, double

* Another wealthy tradesman. His wife, Margaret Lamb, did not long survive him, her will is dated March 30, and was proved April 27, 1587. She desires to be buried in St. Nicholas church, near her husband. She leaves to her son-in-law Richard Adames, and to her daughter Isabel, his wife, a full quarter part of all the coal mines and pitts in Gateshead, which her husband held by virtue of a lease from the Queen's Majesty, "made of the cole mynes, within suche landes in Gatished, as did belonge to the chantrie of the Virgin Marie, in Gatishede, and to the monasterie of Nesame." To her son Thomas Hall a gold ring and another quarter of the coal mines. To her son William Lambe, and Janett her daughter, the other half of the coal mines, and her part of the coal mines in Gateshead and Whickham, which she had, by grant from Henry Tennante, merchant. To William she leaves his father's ring of gold, and a bill staff. She mentions her loving mother Isabel Ilderton, and leaves her son William to the tuition of her daughter Janet.

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gilte, waying ix ounces, at 6s. per ounce, 54s. x sylver spoones, waying xiiij ounces, at 4s. 4d. per ounce, 39s. In tymber planck and tree nales 18*l.* 14s. 4d. Six hundrette shepe skynnes 24*l.* 6s. 10d. *In the celler in Alhallowe banck.* Thre wayneskotts 5s. A tonne and a quarter of Englishe ironn 12*l.* 10s. x barrells of sope, at 38s. the barrell, 19*l.* ·ij barrells and a firken of swet sope, at 48s. a barrell, 6*l.* xiij barrells of pitche, at 6s. a barrell, 3*l.* 18s. iiij hundreth weighte of allam, at 31s. the hundreth, 6*l.* 4d. vij suger lofes, contayning xcvj poundes, at 14d. the pound, 5*l.* 11s. 4d. In weightes, iiij hundreth and a quarter, 30s. xvj small dales, at 8d a pece, 10s. 8d. Two spruce dales 3s. 4d. *In the shoppe.* Fouer dowzen of pepper, at 44s. the dowzen, 8*l.* 16s. vj poundes of cloves, at 5s. per pound, 30s. iiij peeces of Cotta reasons, waying iiij hundreth weighte, 4*l.* iiij peeces of Mallyga reasons, contayning iij hundreth weighte, at 26s. 8d. the hundreth, 4*l.* A Hambroughe barrell of currens, waying three hundreth and a half, at 30s. the hundreth, 5*l.* 5s. A hundreth of currens 30s. xiiij poundes of white incle 56s. xij yds of lynne 12s. xvj yds of lynne 16s. xv yds of lynne 15s. xviij dowzen of playing cards, of the blewe bore, at 2s. the dowzen, 36s. A hoggeshead of vinegar 11s. A hundreth and three quarters of prewnes, at 15s. per hundreth, 25s. ij grosse and a half of pynnes 17s. 6d. ij lbs and a quarter of white incle 9s. A grosse and a half of pynnes 12s. xij lbs of skeene threed, at 3s. 4d. per lb, 40s. iij lbs of horne golde, at 2s. per lb, 6s. iij lbs and a half of redd threde, at 12d. per lb, 3s. 6d. vj ounces of safferon 12s. iiij peces of rede parchemente lace 6s. Foure schore pounde of annys sedes, at 8d. per lb, 40s. iij lbs of commyn 18d. A lb and iiij ounces of large mace 11s. xx clouts of nedles, at 14d. a cloute, 23s. 4d. xv lbs of black anletts, at 12d. per lb, 15s. iiij burden of stele 26s. 8d. A barrell and a half of figgs, weying clvj lbs, at 20s. per hundreth, 30s. iiij stone of lynnt 20s. xiiij roules of gartering, at 4s. the roule, 56s. viij dowzen of longe olde buttons, at 4d. per dowzen, 2s. 8d. iij grosse of redd parchemente lace 18s. viij dowzen of pynknolles 15s. A case of boxes 2s. 6d. j lb and a quarter of nuttmeggs 5s. Half a pound of syster threed 8s. Half a fatt of eles 40s. A pressor 10s. A shopp chist 5s. A bauke, and a paire of lattyn skales, 6s. 8d. iiij paire of small skales 4s. An iron bauke 16s. In weightes, a hundreth and a half and xxj pounde, 12s. vj ounces of synamon 3s. 4d. A paire of iron rackes, a porre, and a pompe of iron, 8s. ij way-baulkes 9s. cxxj stone of beef 8*l.* A good shippe, called the barke Lambe, with all her furnyture and takle, 160*l.* ij ankers 4*l.* 13s. 4d. j anker 53s. 4d. A small cable and a cablett, in all weying xj hundreth,

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at 13s. 4d. every hundreth, 7*l.* 6s. 8d. iiij fawcons, waying xxviij hundreth, at 9s. the hundreth, 12*l.* 12s. iiij cariages, at 8s. a pece, 32s. vj bafts, vij chambers 5*l.* ij olde cables, and all the tackle, belonging to the newe John, 20s. All the sayles, belonging to her, 12*l.*

He owes to Mr. Martin, of London, 10*l.* To Mr. Hunte, of London, for sope, 30*l.* To Mr. Guy Bower and Jeames Grafton, of London, for iron, 10*l.* To dyvers men, of London, for the newe John, 40*l.* To Mr. Andrewe Trewe, of Yorke, 30s. To Mathewe Matfen, for celler hyer, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Raphe Lambe, a boye, that was lefte with the said Roberte Lamb, 8*l.* To Thomas Hall, for his childe's portion, 66*l.* 13s. 4d.

In the handes of Mr. Henry Tennant, marchannt, for a parte of the grannd lease of Gatesyde and Whickham, as appeareth by a note under his hand, 33*l.* 6s. 8d. The lease of the cole mynes of Gatesyde, taken of the Quene's Majestie, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. Totall some 634*l.* 2s. 2d.

LVIII. NICHOLAS RIDLEYE,* OF WILLEMONSWICKE, ESQUIER.

Inventory. March 7, 1585-6. One whitte graye horse 10*l.* One beye horse 4*l.* One graye nage 40s. One graye mare 20s. One olde lame horse 26s. 8d. xiiij oxen 23*l.* 6s. 8d. iiij oxen 4*l.* xix kyne, and j bull, 20*l.* xxvij younge chattle 13*l.* 10s. cxx yewes 18*l.* xl weathers 6*l.* 13s. 4d. xl hoges 4*l.* xxxiij goates 40s. *What corne is lefte in the barn.* Five bowles of rie 33s. 4d. xl bowles of bigg 12*l.* lx bowles of otes 10*l.* *What corne is lefte at the Wood hall.* Three bushells of rye 10s. x bowles of bigge 53s. 4d. *What corne is lefte at the Milne house.* Five bowles of bigg 30s. v bowles of otes 16s. 8d. *Whatt teithe corne is lefte at Hawtwesell.* Eighten boules of byg 3*l.* 8s. xvj bowles of otes 53s. 4d. Two longe wans 13s. 4d. ij olde dunge wans 6s. 8d. ij plewes and their furniture 5s. x yokes 5s. ij iron somes 2s. iij axes 2s. *In the iner chamber.* A fethere bed 8s. A mattres 2s. A pare of blanketes 3s. ij coverletes 5s. A coveringe 5s. A bolster 2s. A pillowe 12d. A coupboarde 2s. *In the greatt chamber.* Two fether bedes 16s. A mattresse 2s. ij paire of blanketes 8s. 4d. iiij coverletes 10s.

* The eldest son of Sir Nicholas Ridley, of Willemoteswick, knight, by Mabel, daughter of Sir Philip Dacre, knight, and the head of his ancient line. The pious and excellent Bishop Ridley was a scion of the same stock, being a brother of his great-grandfather. The testator, who was high sheriff of Northumberland in 1585, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Forster, of Edderston, co. Northumberland, esq., and died without issue. Sequestration of his goods was granted Feb. 12, 1585-6.

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ij coveringes 10s. ij bolsters 8s. 4d. ij pillowes 2s. ij paire of hingers for bedes 20s. *In the Voote chamber.* Three old fether bedes 10s. iij paire of blankettes 6s. vj old coverletts 12s. iij bolsters 4s. ij pillowes 2s. *In the chamber above the staire heade,* Two home-maid fetherbedes 13s. 4d. ij paire of blanketes 5s. iiij coverletes 9s. 4d. ij bolsters 2s. *Bedding for servannies in other chambers.* Two blanketes 2s. ij happinges 4s. 8d. A bolster 8s. A matres 2s. 4d. ij blanketes 3s. 4d. j happinge 2s. 4d. A bolster 16d. A mattres 2s. ij blanketes 2s. j happinge 2s. 4d. A bolster 12d. ij blanketes 2s. iiij blanketes 4s. j happinge 2s. 4d. iiij happinges 9s. 4d. ij blanketes 20d. j happinge 2s. A bolster 8d. *In the parloure.* Twentie paire of double lyninge sheates 4*l.* x paire of strakinge sheates 25s. x paire of harne sheats 16s. 8d. vj wishons 12s. vj worset wishons 3s. vj candlestickes 6s. A new cupboarde 2s. A hurle bed 2s. A new presser 10s. vij chistes 14s. ij carping cloathes 10s. ij cupboard cloathes 7s. 6d. iiij new sakes 4s. The Booke of Marters, and a Bible 10s., 15s. *In the butterie,* Six lyninge boarde cloathes 12s. vj cowrser board cloathes 4s. iiij doosenn of napkinges 6s. 8d. viij towells 4s. A silver salte 13s. 4d. viij silver spones 24s. iiij tyne saltes 2s. 8d. A doosenn of tyne spones 8d. A doosenn of plait trenchers 2s. A basen and a ewer 2s. All glases, potes and other small thinges, in the butterie, 2s. vj litle lyinge barrells 6s. vj standes 3s. *In the hall.* Two tables 16s. A longe forme and ij short formes 4s. A paire of tables 16d. *In the kitchinge.* A garnishe and one halfe of pudder vessell 3*l.* j brasse potte 10s. j caldrenn 12s. ij kettles 7s. iij panes 5s. ij litle brasse potes 5s. ij litle posnett potes 5s. ij cressettes and j frying pane 4s. Bowles and certaine other wood vessell 6s. Summa totalis 183*l.* 12s. 6d. Praisers, James Ridley, Hewghe Ridley, Rowland Waughe, Nicholas Shorte. ✠

LIX. TESTAMENTUM CHRISTOPHERI WILSON VILLÆ NOVI CASTRI.

Nov. 13, 1584. Christofer Wilson, sergent-at-the-mace. My bodie to be buryed within the church of Alhallowes, on the south syde of the said churche. I geve unto my son Mark Wilson, after the deathe of my wif, the howse which I nowe dwell in, not to alianett nor wedd-sett nor sell, to him and his heires, lawfully begotten, for ever. And falinge of him and his heires, to come unto my son William Willson, and his heires. To my son Marke my signed of sylver. To my son William my bowed jeamis of sylver. To my son-in-lawe Richarde Rawe

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a gowne, laide with blake lambe. To my dowghter Katheron a cote clothe. To my son Marke a gown, lynd with blake connye. To my dowghter-in-lawe Elsabeth Wilson, the wif of Mark Wilson, 5s. 8d. To my son William a cloke of brode-clothe. To James Wilson, my son's son, a cassex. To William Rawe, my dowghter's son, a gyrken, and cutt-oute doblett of canvas. To Barbarye Rawe, my dowghter's chylde, 5s. To the two sons of Richarde Rawes, called Roberte and Richarde Rawe, 2s. To Mr. Roger Rawe, alderman, for a token, half a Frenshe crowne. To Franncis Comnynge, the sworde bearer, 12d., for a token. And to every sargante-at-the-mace 6d. To my brother Richarde Wilson a gawbordinge, with sylver kepers. To my son's dowghters, called Annas and Katheron, 2s. To Elsabethe Wilson, the dowghter of William Wilson, a cote clothe of frease. All the reste of my goodes &c., to my wif Annas Wilson, whome I make my full executrix. Witnesses, Cuthbert Pattison, wever, Edward Dalavell, gentleman, Edward Tynmothe, Roger Roston. [Pr. Feb. 23, 1585-6.]

Inv. Feb. 12, 1585-6. An yron chymney, with the furnyture, 30s. An allmerye 8s. A longe table, with ij formes, 5s. A cobborde 12s. A letell stoole 12d. ij chaires 12d. A glass kage 6d. ij basons of laten 5s. xxiij pewder doblers and a bason 30s. A laten garlande, a chawfyn-dyshe and a laver, 3s. 4d. v candelstykes, 10s. iiij potendyshes and a letell peace 12d. vj sawcers 20d. v pottell pottes 10s. iij quart pottes 2s. 6d. A thre-pynt pott, a thre-gyll pott, a pynt pott, iij quart pottes, and a gyll pott 7s. A copstole 2s. 6d. A Dansk chyst 3s. 4d. A bedsteade 5s. An old almerye 3s. 4d. A Dansk chyst 10s. A counter 5s. ij chystes 3s. A candyl-chyste 8d. A letell chymney 2s. A chaire 8d. A bedsteade 3s. A presser 2s. 6d. iij brass pottes 10s. A fryinge pan and a droppin pan 2s. A brewhowse lead, with the furnyture, 30s. ij letell bordes, with a kawell, 16d. A spynnynge wheale 2s. A letell chymney 6s. 8d. A longe settell 2s. A torne-stoole 6d. A tobb and a skeale 10d. A bukkett 6d, A soa 8d. ✠

LX. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI BRISCHO, GENEROSI.

Wolsingham, March 12, 1585-6. In the name of God. Amen. I Richarde Brischo,* knowinge with myself, that man, that is borne of a weoman, haith but a shorte time to lyve, by

* Probably a member of the family of Brisco, of Crofton, co. Cumberland. The introductory portion of his will, in which he makes a rather lengthy profession of his faith, is interesting.

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reasoun that all fleshe is butt as grasse, and that the daies of oure life are as a spann longe, humblie submittinge myself into the hand of the Lorde, my Creator, and apprehendinge, by faith in Christ Jhesus, my Redeamer, the salvacion purchased, for me and all mankynde, by His pretious blood, though sicke in bodie, yett stronge in minde, do make this my laste will and testamente, in maner and forme followinge. Firste, I bequeith and surrender my sowle unto the hanndes of the Father of lightes, Who, at the daie of my birth, did bestowe yt upon me, not doubtinge, but yt shall appeare, in His sighte, clensed and purefied, not by my owne righteousnes, butt by the blood of the Immaculate Lambe, Christe Jhesus, which was, for my redemption, slaine, before the beginninge of the worlde. And my bodie to the earth, of which yt was maide, to be buried within the channcell of the parishe church of Wolsingham. As touching my goodes, which the Lord haith bestowed upon me, I do thus, in the feare of God, determine. To the righte woorshipfull Mr. Doctor Emanuell Barnes* two younge horses, or staggs. To Mr. Roberte Tailboys my geldinge and my stoned stagg. To my cosinge Thomas Brischo v markes. To my servent Adam Simpsoon v markes. To William Hunter 10s. To Bartram Reede 5s. To my servant John Chapman 20s., and to his wife 10s. To Elizabeth Chapman, wedow, 20s., and my gowne. To Roger Burton 10s. To Agnes Aire, my servant, 6s. 8d. To Jaine Emerson 3s. 6d. To my naturall sister Eleine Richardsonn iiij angels, and unto my nevewe John Richardsonn, hir sonn, one dunne maire. To my servannte Oswoulde 5s. The rest of my goodes &c., to my wife Bridgett Brischo,† whom I make executrixe, and I make Mr.

* Son of Richard Barnes, bishop of Durham. He was canon of York, and rector of Wolsingham.

† His wife's will was made Jan. 25, 1593-4. "Bridgit Brisco, of Wollsingham, wedowe. I bequieth and surrender my sowle into the handes of the Father of lightes, Who, at the daie of my birth, did bestowe it upon me, not doutting, but it shall appeare, in His sight, clenced and purified, not by my owen righteusness, but by the blode of the Immaculate Lame, Christ Jesus, which was, for my redemption, slain, before the beginninge of the world, and my bodie to the dust, of whiche it was maide, and to be buried in the chancell of the parishe churche of Wollsingham. I geve unto John Barnes, son of the right worshipfull Mr. Doctor Emanuell Barnes, my leasse of the coole myndes, called Tollawe. To Anne Gifford a feather bed and its furnyture, and 6*l.* 13s. 4d., to be paied her when she shall accomplishe the full age of xv yeres. To Meriell Wattson 53s. 4d., to be paied her the daie of her mariage, also I geve her all my weringe apperell. To William Hunter 20s. To all my god-children, which carried my name, 2s. a peace, and to all other my god-children 12d. a peace. To the buildinge of the upper towne brigg 4*l.* To the poore of the towne of Wollsingham 6s. 8d. To John Laburne, for drawinge of my will, 6s. 8d. The rest to Adam Simpson, whom I make executor, and I institute and ordene William Grenwell, of Newcastell, marchant, and William Crooke, supervisors." Her inventory is dated Feb. 4, 1593-4. The amount of her goods is 99*l.* 13s. 8d, and she owed 25*l.* 8s.

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Doctor Emanuell Barnes and Mr. Roberte Tailboyes supervisors. Witnesses, Lancelot Ayre, Thomas Briskoe, Franncis Greine, clarke. [Pr. Apr. 4, 1586.]

INV. March 30, 1585-6. One griseled geldinnge, two younge horses, one stoned stagg, one graie horse 15*l.* 13s. 4d. One griseled maire, a white maire, a griseld and a baie nagg, a dunde maire, a blacke maire, a baie filley, a graie horse, a graie maire, and fower cowltes 19*l.* 11s. 8d. His apparell and his furniture 30*l.* Shirtes and napperie 10*l.* Thre bedstedes, with their vallens and curtens, and other six more meane bedsteades, 8*l.* Six silver spoones 30s. Pewter and latten 3*l.* 13s. 4d. In pottes, caldronns, morters and other brasse geare 5*l.* 10s.

LXI. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI WALLAS.

Apr. 3, 1586. Richerd Wallas,* within the parishe of Kirkhaghe. To be buryed in the churche-yearde of Kirkhaghe. I geve to Annas, my wife, and my fyve childerren, all my goodes &c. And also for the tythe corne that I is indebted for, and that I have resaved: I have resaved of Henry Ramshowe, of the Eille, 6s., of Robert Wallas 5s., of Robert Parker v grotes, of John Bell 12d., of Lucke Bell 12d., of Henry Dicksonn 3s., of Richard Smithe, of Barnes, 3s., of John Wallas, of Meryknow, 2s., and of his sonne George 18d. I is indebted unto Linas, of Walton, for a quarter of lead, as it geneth in Newcastell, at St. Anddrae daye, next cominge, and to John Dickhisonne, for half a quarter, to that same daye, and George, of the Meryknowe aweth for that halfe quarter. I have also in Knarsdaill a letell land, that I toike by lease of William Wallas, for a sume of monye, and so if Edward Wallas, his sonne, will paye the sume of 3*l.* 6s. 8d., before he occupye that grounde, to me Rycherd Wallas, he shall have it. And also John Whyt aweth unto me 3*l.*, for hay and corne, that grew of that grounde, to me Rycherd Wallas. And I

* Of a numerous and ancient stock, whose home was in the adjoining parishes of Kirkhaugh and Knaresdale, co. Northumberland. To a scion of this family, the Rev. John Wallis, M.A., Northumberland is indebted for its first history, a work of very considerable antiquarian research, and which, for the time it was published, shews much knowledge of natural history. The author, like later clerical historians in the diocese of Durham, did not receive from its rich ecclesiastical corporations, that recognition of his merits, which a blameless life and a cultivated mind seem almost to demand at the hands of bodies, which lay claim to represent liberal and enlightened ideas.

The testator lived in troublous times and in a disturbed district, and he seems to have suffered loss, shortly before he made his will, as probably he had often done before, from the moss-trooping habits of the Armstrongs. He himself perhaps had often harried the stable and byer of some Scottish neighbour, for, on both sides of the border, the people were "rogues all."

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geve to John Whyt all the tytell of that garth, sted and housses, and also I desire John Whit, yf that he gett anie thinge for his goodes, that was stoilne, that he will helpe my executors to some of myne. John Trommble, of Allerwhashe, awithe me, for a quarter of lead: Roland Stoirhie, of Todell woodd, of dew debt 13s. 4d., byside costes of the court. Rychard Bassinwath awith me 20s., John Trommble suirtie for the same. John Bell doth awe me, for a bushell of havermeill, and I forgeve him the one half, and he shall paye the other. Luke Snowden awith me 30s., and Emond Sprott 2s. 4d. I awe to Thomas Blenkensopp 2s. 4d. John Teisdell, of Whitle, awith me 3s. 4d., and George Wallas, of the Barnes, for a weather, 3s. Raulf Whitfeild, esquire, doth awe me 40s., hoping in his goodnes towards my children, I will take but five nobles. Marke Wallis doth awe me 5s., and Margery Whit, for a red cowe, 10s. 3d. John Teisdell, of the Raw, awith me 33s. 4d., and Henrie Musgrave, gentilman, suirtie therefor, also the said John Teisdell awith me more 21s. William Stobart awith me 50s. Henrie Walton, of Neusberie, doth awe me 2s. Edward Walles, lord of Knardell, doth awe me 4s. An so I desire my maister John Whetfeild to be good to my wife and children, as I trust he will. Whereas I have taken of maister Thomas Hilton, esquier, the ryght of one tenement in Alston more, after the death of Cuthbert Walton, I desire Edward Musgrave, gentilman, and his children to help my children to ther ryght. And wheras James Arstrenge,* of the Sebie Neise, did steill from me one meer, price 40s., and foure kyne, price xx nobles, I put all that goodes into the handes of the foresaid Edward Musgrave to folow. I desire Alexander Fetherstonhaugh, esquier, to be good to my wife and children, as he hath bene before. I owe for the tythe corne of Knarsdell 25s., to Rychard Eles 13s. 4d., to Alexander Wallis 21d., to John Collerd 10s., to Henrie Musgrave 3s., to James Noble 3s., to Thomas Walton 4s., to Christofor Ramshew 8s. 4d., so the whole some I awe is 3*l.* 18s. 9d., and the whole some that is awing me, my owne debtes paide, is 17*l.* 4s. 4d. Whetnesses, Rychard Musgrave, Edward Walles, Christofor Ramshaw and Nicolas Teisdell.

Inv. Eleven kie and x stirkes 9*l.* vj oxen 5*l.* Mear and a foile 26s. 8d. One nagge 26s. 8d. xxx sheip 4*l.* Insight geir and fire vessell 53s. 4d. His apparell 26s. 8d. Owinge to him, his debtes paied, 17*l.* 4s. 4d. The whole some of all is 40*l.* 17s. 8d. ✠

* James Armstrong, one of a notorious and numerous clan of border moss-troopers.

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LXII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ BRICKWELL.

Jan. 4, 1585-6. Thomas Brickwell,* of the towne of Barwicke-upon-Twede, esquier. To Thomas Rotheropp, and Agnes, his wife, my house in Barwicke, wherin they now dwell, and after their decease, to go to the heires of the body of the said Thomas, and for default of such, to Henry Rotheropp, his brother, and his heires, then to his brother Richard Rotheropp, and his heires for ever. To Thobye Inman, my servant, the stonehowse in Tweedmouthe, called Baythes tower, and one quite rent of 7s., going furthe of a burgage, in Barwick, now in the tenor of William Powell, penshioner. To Henry, Richard, Thomas and George Rotheropp, my nephewes, all my armor and furniture, within my house and elswhere, except the furniture for myne owne bodye, and the furniture wherwith my housholde servantes dothe serve withall, which I give to my said servantes. More I give to my said nephewes the 50*l.*, owinge to me by Mr. Robert Bowes, esquier, threasoror of Barwick, in the yere ended in Michaelmas, 1583, as can witness Christofer Shepherdson, John Crayne and William Nodder, and also more 10*l.* to everie of them. To Roberte Masone, my soldyor, the furnitur wherwith he now servethe. To my nephew Henry Brickwell, and Jaine, his wife, two whole partes of all my goodes &c., that I have unbequethed, whiche I have within the towne of Barwicke. To Elizabethe Nelsone, singlewoman, the third parte of all my goodes &c., as aforesaid, provided that my chane of golde and myne owne apparell be no parte of the goodes aforesaid. To the forsaid Henry Brickwell, and Jaine, his wife, and Elizabethe Nelsone, all my woole and darnise for hanginges, which I have within the mansyon house of the deanery of Darnton. I do forgive Robert Branson, of Darnton, and William Nodder, of Barwick, the sumes they are indebted to me. Whereas William Glover owes me 48*l.*, for the use of Thobye Inman, and Agnes his sister, I give all my property &c., in the same, to the said Thobye and Agnes, his sister. To the forsaid Elizabeth Nelsone and Richard Prescot, my nephew, my letters patentes of the deanery and prebendes of Darnton, to the intente, that they shall pay out of them, yerely, 12*l.* to these persones folowinge, to Robert Branson 5*l.*, to Robert Whitehorne, my soldyor, 3*l.* 18s., and to Thomas Rotheropp, aforesaid, 3*l.* 10s. I will that

* A captain in the garrison of Berwick, who had got from the crown a grant of the deanery of Darlington, and who appears to have resided at times in the house attached to the deanery. The inventory of his nephew Henry Brickwell is printed in this volume.

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the said Elizabethe Nelsone shalbe advised by William Bower and Henry Brickwell, touchinge the bestowing of hirself in mariage, but if she will not be advised by them, then she shall be voyde of anye benefitt of the said letteres patentes. To Henry Brickwell, and Jaine, his wife, vj kye, or other beastes, gaites, in the pastures, belonginge to the glebe lande, in the feildes of Darnton, and two lyttell croftes in Darnton, called tenter croftes, with the churche-yearde of Darnton, and one pownderight of Branson moore. To Robert Mason, aforsaid, and Jaine Cotten, my servante, 5*l.* a pece. To Phillip Warr, my servante, 3*l.*, which is owinge unto me by Rowlande Herison, of Consclif. To Harry Brickwell, aforesaid, 50*l.* To my thre systers, viz., Jaine Bower, Elizabeth Prestcot and Katherine Rotheropp, as also to Richard and Hamblett Brighouse, and Hamblett Rotheropp, my nephewes, to everie of them 16*l.* To the power of the townes of Darnton and Berwick, 5*l.* to eche towne, to be distributed by my executor, with the advice of Mr. Thomas Clarke, preacher. Wheras I am indebted to Mr. Charles Hedworthe and his wife 200*l.*, I will that the halfe of the first hundred, which is unpaid, be paid by my executor, and for the other hundred due in 1587, I will it shall be paid by William Bower, of his owne proper goodes. My welbeloved nephew Henry Brickwell I make executor, and for supervisors Thomas Radcliff, of Cockerton, Richard Glover, of Darnton, Robert Whitehorne and William Glover, of Barwick. [Pr. Apr. 23, 1586.]

Inv. Feb. 1585-6. *In the hall.* One greate cobberde and ij courte cubberds 16s. j spice chiste of waynscott 2s. 6d. ij tables, j furme, j sittle, and vj stowlles 10s. iij chistes and j coffer 10s. j other table with a frame 3s. j chair, j dishe and a Byble 5s. Carpittes and a settill bedde 6s. 8d. lix harqubushes, xlvij flaskes, xxxj graven muryens, xiv blacke muryens, iij aermors, vj peyckes, iiij halbeds, iij javelinges 15*l.* j pare of tables and a glasse caysse 16d. iij boxis, iiij lesser boxis, and ij pare of gold wayghtes, 4s. Glassis and bottelles 3s. 4d. *At James Whyttes.* Twentie fyve aermors. *At Capten Cassis.* Thre aermors, iij muryens, ij pecis, ij flaskes with tuch boxis, 10*l.* xxij muryens, amongst the companye and otherwysse, 4*l.* Amongste the companye, ix pecis, harquebushers, flaskes and tuch-boxis, whereof Robert Mason is one, 30s. xij yds of brode blew 3*l.* j pare of silke vallens and curttins 20s. j teaster and hanginges, of black and yellow saye, 10s. ij cushin clothes 16d. Copper nayles 6d. j iorn chimney, with the implementes belonginge to it, 10s. *In the little parller.* Two chistes, j truncke, ij deskes, j lattin candillsticke, j candill and v bowkes, 13s. 4d. j oulde carpitt, and earthin pottes, 12d. j still of pewtter 2s. j

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lb of crewlle 16d. xxv pare of linnynge shettes 50s. xxiij pillowbers 10s. x table clothes 30s. iiij towelles, ij table clothes, and ij cubberd clothes, 10s. iiij dussin of table napcins 20s. v dussin of cowrssher napcins 24s. ij table clothes, and j towell, 20s. j dussin of dyepper napcins 13s. 4d. xiiij yds one quarter of dyapper 42s. vij yds of fustyen 6s. x pare of cowrser shettes 26s. 8d. iij shettes and j towell 6s. 8d. Platte and sponnes 20*l.* *In the greate chambre.* One iorne chimnaye, por and tonges, 4s. j little tayble and vj stowles 8s. vj cushins 8s. iiij carpittes 30s. v fetherbedes, j wull bed, iij bowlsters, and viij pillows, 10*l.* j pare of fustyen blanckettes 3s. 4d. j bedstead, with vallence and curtins, j tryndlle bedstead, 40s. iiij bedde civeringes, of tapstrie, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. ij cours civerlettes 5s. j whytte caddow, and a read, 13s. 4d. ij fetherbedd tickes and iij bowlster tickes 33s. 4d. j pare of gren vallens, and curtins of silke, 10s. ij great chairs and j little chare 13s. 4d. ij chayres and ij buffett stowelles 13s. 4d. j ollde chist, j frame of a chayre, j ollde cannappye and ij frames of stowelles, 8s. j cowrte cubberd, and j little coffer, 3s. 4d. vij chistes and j truncke 4*l.* j blanckett 2s. j other blanckett 12d. j longe cushin, and ij square cushins, imbrotherd, 30s. Cushinnettes for j chaer, and j stowlle, imbrotherd, 13s. 4d. ij long leaninge cushins, j of velvett, th'other of sattin, and ij square cushins, of satten read, 26s. 8d. ij other little cushins, the j of raysde velvett, and th'other of russett satten stripte 3s. 4d. iij ollde dagges 5s. iij womman's gownes, ij cirtilles, j pettycotte, j saffegarde, j pare of sleves, and ij hattes, 10*l.* ix silver spownes, j silver mazar, ij silver gobletes, j silver pott, with a cyver, j salte, with a civer, gilte, ij stone pottes, with silver covers, gilte, and imboste, with ther silver feete, j coveringe and vallence to a bedd, of nedle worke, j cubberd clothe and iij cushinnettes, of nedle worke, 20*l.* Silver aglettes and silver howckes, with other tryffilles, 20s. Puther 6*l.* 13s. 4d. *In the citchin.* Brasse 3*l.* j iorn chimney, rackes, spittes, and other implementes ther, 20s. Wooden vessell, tubbes, and other trintlmentes of howsholde, 10s. *In the seller.* Tubbes, with other trintlmentes, 10s. Thre horses in the stable 10*l.* One pece of a stacke of hay 15s. j cow 20s. *In the servantes chambers.* Bedsteades, with their furnyttur, 20s. Woll and darnuxe at Darnton 16*l.* Summa totallis 178*l.* 12d. ✠

LXIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS OGLE.

Jan. 18, 1585-6. John Ogle,* of Neweshame, in the

* This wealthy gentleman, a scion of the baronial house of Ogle, was the

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countye of Northumberland, gentleman. My bodye to be buryed within the chappell of Seton Delavall. To be distributd amongeste the poore 40s. To my eldeste sonne, William Ogle, all my landes in Bebside, to him and his heires male, lawfully begotten, and in defalte of suche, to my sonne Thomas and his heires, and in defalte of suche, to my sonne Raphe, then to my sonne Launcelote, then to my brother Jaymes Ogle,† and then to my righte heires. To my sonne William one hundred markes, my best gray horse, one sylver salte, and vj sylver spoones, my best suite of apparell, viz., a cloke, a doblet, hose and stockinges, my bowes and quivers, with arrowes. To my sonne Thomas, in full contentation of his childe's porcion, 100*l.*, to be delyvered to my sonne-in-lawe Peter Delavall, to be imployed for the use of my sonne Thomas, and in token of remembrance, I geve to my said sonne Peter 10s. To my sonnes Raphe and Launcelote, to eche of them one hundred markes, in contentation of their childe's portions, and they to be comitted to the custodye of my brother Jaymes. To my son-in-law, Launcelote Cramlington, 40*l.*, in full payment of cc marks, which I gave in mariage with my daughter Marye. To my doughter Elizabeth Ogle 100*l.*, to be delivered to Mr. Robert Delavall, of Seton Delavall, esquier, and his wife, for my doughter's use. To my doughter Margaret Ogle 100*l.*, to be delivered to my sister-in-law Isabell, wyfe to my brother Jaymes Ogle, for the use of my said doughter. To my doughters Barbara and Dorytye‡ Ogle, to eche of them c markes, and they to remayne with my wyfe.§ And if it happen anye of my said children do dye, before they accomplishe ther full age, then his, or ther, porcion to be devided equallie amongst the rest. To James Ogle, of Hebborne, one young quye, of ij yere oulde. To Bryan

second son of Sir William Ogle, of Cockle park, co. Northumberland, knight, by Margaret, daughter of Sir John Delaval, of Seaton Delaval, knight. He married Phillis, daughter of John Ogle, of Ogle castle, gentleman. This will makes several additions to the pedigree, given by Mr. Hodgson, in his *History of Northumberland.*

† James Ogle, of Cawsey park, esq. He married Isabell, daughter of John Clavering, of Callaley, co. Northumberland, esq.

‡ She married John Swinburn, of Wylam, co. Northumberland, gentleman, who died in 1604.

§ His wife survived him many years. Her will is dated June 22, 1606; she describes herself as, late of Newsame, now being at Lemyngton. She gives to her daughter Barbara Harbottle 20*l.* To her daughter Dorytye Swynborne 15*l.* To Jane Ogle, of Cawsey parke, daughter to her daughter Bednell, 10*l.* "To my doughter Bednell, to bryng me furth, 40*l.* To my sonne-in-lawe, George Bednell, of Lemyngton, 20*l.*, which he owes me." She mentions her sons Peter Delavall and Raphe Delavall, and her sonne Lance Ogle. She makes Thomas Mydelton, of Belshawe, esq., sole executor. (He was her nephew, being the third son of Robert Middleton, of Belsay, by her sister Mabel.)

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Ogle, of Shilvington, one young quye, of ij yere oulde. To my brother Jaymes, his sonnes John, George, Cuthbert, Robert, and Charles Ogle, to everie of them an oulde anngell. My will is, that all my cattell shall remayne and despasture, uppon my groundes, in Bebsyde and Newesame, as they are at this instante, untill St. Hellen daye nexte, and that the ote lande in Newesame and Bebsyde, readye to be sowen, shalbe sown with otes, so as the commodye therof maye redounde to the use of my children. The rest of all my goodes &c., I geve to my sonne Launcelote, whom I make my sole executor. And I hartily request my dearly beloved frendes, Robert Delavall, esquier, James Ogle, esquier, Edwarde Graye, Mathewe Ogle, Ollyver Ogle and Jaymes Lyle, gentlemen, to be supervisers. Witnesses, Robert Delavall, James Ogle, Mathew Ogle, Olyver Ogle, Martine Ogle, Brian Ogle, Robert Lawson, Marmaduke Fenwicke, Georg Jordan. [Pr. May 9, 1586.]

Inv. Jan. 20, 1585-6. Newsham. *Cattell.* Nynetene oxen 49*l.* 1s. 8d. xvij thre-yere ould stottes 34*l.* xxij milke kyen, vj younge calves, with one bull, 46*l.* xv calves, yerenges, 7*l.* cxj ewes and iiij rames 40*l.* xxxv tayned gymmers, 4*l.* 13s. 4d. lxxij hogges 9*l.* 12s. One pyed geldinge 6*l.* j yonge graye geldinge 6*l.* j sorrelled geldinge 5*l.* j younge graye mare 6*l.* j pyed mare 50s. j oulde baye mare 30s. j great graye geldinge 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j dunn nagge 19s. 6d. j great white mare 40s. j younge graye fyllie 50s. ij coulte foles, not yereingers, 50s. iij sowes 15s. j bore and ij shotes 12s. j oulde goose and ij gaynderes 3s. 6d. *Grayne and corne.* Wheat, lxxxvij bolls, 50*l.* 7s. Maulte 3*l.* 10s. 3d. Otes, ccix bolls, iiij peckes, 52*l.* 15s. 5d. Peas, iij bolls, 15s. Wheat, reapt anno 1586, clxij threves, at iiij a boll, 24*l.* *Plowe-gere and wayn-gere.* Thre longe waynes 20s. iij mucke waynes 18s. ij plowes 7s. x iron sommes, ij shakells and boltes, 16s. 4d. vij yokes, xviij bowes, 6s. 8d. iij ox harrowes, wherof j is broken, with iron tethe, 13s. 4d. ij pare of horse harrowes 6s. iiij muck forkes 8d. iiij pycke forkes 4d. iij ware hackes 18d. j teaninge muckhacke 2d. iij spades, j barne shovell 12d. ij wayne ropes 2s. iij whine hackes 2s. An axe 8d. ij wombles and j grape 10d. *In the chamber over the hall.* One trundle beadstead 4s. j fetherbed and bolster 20s. j matres 4s. j longe table, with a frame, 6s. 8d. j square table, with a frame, 4s. j great wooden presse 26s. 8d. j cheste and j ould chair 4s. 4d. Wollen hanginges about the chamber 24s. j carpet and vj quishions 30s. *In the chamber over the parler.* Thre fetherbedes and iij boulsters 46s. 8d. viij paire of blanckettes 48s. xj pillowes 6s. 8d. ij mattresses, xx hapinges or coveringes 3*l.* 6s. 8d. ix ould

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happinges 18s. iij pistre coveringes 20s. ij standinge bedsteades 35s. Curtens, read and grene, ij pare, with fleers, 20s. ij trundle bedsteades 8s. ij cobbordes 8s. iij chestes 7s. *In the parler*. One standing bedstead, with read and yallow hanginges, of wollen, 24s. ij fouldinge bedsteades and j trundle bedsteade 6s. j fetherbed and j boulster 24s. j cobbord, carved, 13s. 4d. j ould counter 8d. j ould wooden chaire, and a pecke for corne measuringe 4d. j bedstead in the litle parler 6d. *In the hall*. One large table, with frame, 10s. ij cobbordes 8s. j fourme, j chaire, and j kenninge measure, 12d. *In the butterie*. One sylver salte and vj sylver spoones 3*l*. j cobborde 5s. iiij latyne candlestickes 4s. ij pewter candlestickes 3s. j chaffen dishe 14d. ij pewter saltes 8d. j basinge and ewer, of puter, 4s. j lattin basinge 18d. iij pewter chamber pottes 3s. *Lying with other thinges in the chappell and garrett lofte*. Two standing bedstedes, j trundle bedstede, j oulde cobborde, and iij cony netes, 20s. iij oulde beddsteades, ij sythes, ij ould bylls and j wollen whele 6s. x paire of flaxen sheetes 4*l*. viij pyllobeers 10s. v paire of course sheetes 10s. v flaxen table clothes 25s. ij course table clothes 2s. 6d. j cobbord clothe, j longe towell 2s. 8d. j dozen table napkynes 4s. j flaughter spade 6d. *In the kitchinge*. One oulde brewinge calldron 4s. j newe brewinge calldron 20s. ij kettels, for milknes, 6s. iiij brasse pottes 12s. j iron chimley, in the hall, 13s. 4d. iiij chymleye crookes 5s. ij spyttes, ij pare of tonges, and j irone potte, 2s. ij paire of pottclipes 4d. j morter and pestle 2s. iij spares and iij lances 8s. lxxiij lbs weighte of pewtere vessell, at 7d. the pound, 42s. *In the malte lofte*. Eleven stone of wool 58s. 8d. j wyndowe cloth 6s. *In the brewhouse*. One maskinge tubb, and iij coullinge tubbes, for worte, 4s. iij leaven tubbes, j boultinge tubb, and j drye ware tubb, 20d. x beare barrells and ij standes 7s. 4d. j soe, for water, 18d. ij milkinge pales 8d. j palle, for worte, 3d. *In the milkhouse*. Two milke tubbes 12d. v bolls, for milke, 2s. iij chirnes 2s. j chese presse 8d. iiij chese fattes 2s. 6d. j brake and mouldinge bord, and ij bee hyves, 10s. *In the studye*. Two jackes and ij stele cappes 33s. 4d. ij bowes, j quiver, and j bage, with arrowes, 13s. 4d. Money and gould found readye there 21*l*. 4s. ij brand irons, with other irone stufe, 2s. 6d. j paire of playinge tables 6d.

Bebsyd. *Cattell*. Twentie oxen 51*l*. 13s. 4d. xxij yere-old stottes and quies 22*l*. xxx kyen 60*l*. viij thre-yere oulde stottes and quies, and j bull 12*l*. xij calves, not yereinges, 9*l*. *Corne and grayne*. Wheat, l bolls, ij peckes, 24*l*. 13s. 1d. Wheate, reapt anno 1586, cxx threves, 18*l*. Otes, reaped anno 1586, ccxl threves, at v stookes a boll, 28*l*. 16s. *Wayne-geare and plewe-*

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geare. Two long waynes and ij mucke waynes 26s. 8d. ij plowes and j ould plowe 7s. x sommes and ij shakles and boultes 16s. xij yokes and xx bowes 6s. j oxe harrowe, with irone teethe, 3s. 4d. j paire of horse harrowes, with iron teethe, 2s. 6d. j teaninge muck hacke 2d. iij muck forkes, shod with iron, 6s. iij pichforkes, for corne or haye, 3d. ij whyne hackes 12d. j shovell 2d. ij spades 6d. ij wayne ropes 2s. 8d. iiij traces 4d. xxij tymber trees, 40s. j ote cheste, in the barne, 13s. 4d. xxj tymber trees, in Wendley, 3*l.* ix tymber trees, in Shandfen, 20s. *Debtes due to John Ogle.* Thomas Prestone, for ij tymber trees, 10s. William Wynshope, of Backworth, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. Roberte Johnsone, of Munk Seton, 15s. Robert Ogle, of Newcastle, 23s. 4d. George Fenwicke, of Hedwin, 40s. Thomas Swane, of Seton, 15s. Martyn Fenwicke, of Hedwyn, 50s. William Harbottle and John Spring 26s. 8d. Josua Dalevell, for wheat, otes, &c., 17s. 4d. Lyonell Watsone 40s. Gererde Lilborne and Robert Johnson 4*l.* Bennett Watsone 4*l.* Johne Smithe, of Newcastell, for sheape, 8*l.* Johne Springe, th'elder, of Cowpon, for iij bowlls of wheat, 21s. Mrs. Marie Cramlington, for v stone of butter, at 4s. the stone, and iij cheses 12d. a peace, 23s. Lancelot Cramlington, for ij stone of wool, 15s. Thomas Swane, for j stone of woole, 7s. 6d. William Pearson, for ij stone of woole, 14s. Thomas Milborne, of Morpeth, for iij stone of woole, 22s. 6d. Josua Dalevell, for iij stone of butter and ij cheses, 14s. Due for geste cattell, from Michelmas to Candlemas, 44s. 10d. Summa totalis bonorum, &c., 714*l.* 8s. 7d.

Debtes due for John Ogle to paye. Servantes wages 36*l.* 9d. For reapinge the corne, at Neweshame and Bebsyde, 3*l.* 1s. 2d. For the tythe corne and lambes of Newsham, by a bill maid to the Earl of Northumberland, 5*l.* To Mr. Baites 40*l.* To Lancelott Cramlington 40*l.* To Lancelott Browne 3s. 2d. To William Browne, the tailer, 13s. 4d. To Anthonie Feltone 36s. 4d. For one whole yere's rent of the West Sputtell, due at Martynmas 1585, 26s. 8d. To Anthonye Morpethe 4*l.* 18s. 7d. To Anthonie Morpeth, for blackes, 17*l.* 8s. 6d. To William Hutherwicke 11s. 6d. To George Jurdene, for ingrossinge certen assurances, 6s. 8d. To Robert Lewin, for a halfe a yeare's rent, for his wife's dowere, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. Funerall expences 6*l.* 12d. Summa 126*l.* 10s. 4d. Some of all, debtes deducted, 587*l.* 18s. 3d. ✠

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LXIV. RALPH COLE, OF NEWCASTELL.*

INVENTORY. May 12, 1585. A last and a half of sope, at 34s. per barrell, amounts 29*l.* 15s. Two waynscott chayres 10s. A grene chayre 5s. v chayres, with leather backes, 10s. iiij wood chayres, of another sort, 4s. 4d. A rowell waghe 1*l.* iij lytell sypres chistes 3s. A bolt and a half of canwes 1*l.* xij yeardes of hayer packcloth 3s. vj pictures 1*l.* 6s. 8d. Raphe Coel's owne picturs 10s. vj other lytell pictures, and two payre brassen skayels 16s. All his prynted bookes 1*l.* A grene pulk, covered with taffate, 6s. 8d. v clean paper book, for accompts, 10s. Two gylted Frenche bookes 2s. 6d. A drawen clothe, to be sowed, 7s. A wey-balk and ij payer gold weights 11s. As much sayle twyn and merlyn worth 5s. xl bowles of baye salt 2*l.* 6s. 8d. A thing to hange a clocke upon 1s. lxxvj dossen of hemp 14*l.* xl half fyrr dayles 10s. iij ankers, iiij cables, and a hawser, 37*l.* xl hole fyrr dayles 1*l.* xij fyrr sparres 2s. As many old ropes worth 10s. Two hundrethe weyght of towe 10s. lxxx fyrr dayles 2*l.* 13s. 4d. ij wole bordes 6s. 8d. A presser, and ij picturs, 1*l.* 10s. xvij ells and a half of Ipers grogery 2*l.* 3s. 9d. xv ells of blew saye 1*l.* 3s. 6d. vij ells of Turkes grogery 1*l.* 6s. 8d. Two remblets of moccada 10s. A yeard of black silke grogerye 8s. iij ells and a half of black lynsye wolensye 6s. 8d. vj ells of tufft burrata 18s. v ells and a half of Turkes grogerye 1*l.* A remblet of silke saye 1*l.* Half a peace of fussyon 10s. One pound of collered croyl 4s. ij remblets of black lynsye wolensye 6s. 8d. A remblet of silk saye 8s. A remblet of black and read silk boffyn 8s. A remblet of moccada 6s. viij payer of Jersey hoes 2*l.* ij remblets of taffatie 6s. vij ells of leavens taffatie 10s. iij remblets of silke lace 6s. ij peaces of billyment, 1*l.* vij dossen of buttons 2s. 4d. x ounces of layse 16s. A hatt-band and remblets of layse worthe 17s. lx fyrr balkes 2*l.* A sword and a raper 13s. 4d. A bandid chyst,

* Son of James Cole, of Gateshead, whose will is printed, p. 66: a Newcastle merchant, and merchant-adventurer of England. In his will, proved June 18, 1586, he mentions his base-begotten son Robert Cole, his mother Jane Cole, widow, his brother Nicholas' children, James, Ralph and Jane Cole. To his brother Richard he gives his moiety of "the good shipp Robert Bonaventure, which is now departed, upon her voyage, into the realme of France." To his brother Nicholas his house, in Pilgrim street, in the occupation of Marcus Antonio, Italian. To his brother Thomas his house in Gateshead. "I geve to my frendes, my late master, Robert Lame, of Newcastell, and Mr. George Still, of Newcastell, now deputie of the worshipful companie of merchantes adventurers, resident in Middlesburghe, to eache a rose noble, for a gentle remembrance. To the almosiners of this towne of Middlesburghe, for the use of the poore (if yt please God here to call me to his mercie), I give twentie shillinges Flemishe."

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with bookes and other thinges, 13s. 4d. The lease of a hous, by the Keyside, that Clement Anderson ys in, 60*l.* The leas of a gardinge 6*l.* 13s. 4d. ix skore stone of wooll 60*l.* Seventene hundrethe shepe skynes 120*l.* A quarter and half a quarter of a shipe 60*l.* Summa 445*l.* *Debtes that he was owinge.* To William Van Enden 28*l.* To Jaques Leopover 3*l.* To Cornelis Embreghson 40*l.* To Bartholomew Seghers 26*l.* To George Whitfeld 60*l.* 16s. To Mr. Henry Anderson 10*l.* To his host, for his charges, 1*l.* To the pottycarye 1*l.* 10s. To the physycion 1*l.* His buryall charges 2*l.* To John Lockwood 82*l.* 14s. 4d. To Segher Van Vooren 43*l.* The charges of packhouse hyer 7*l.* Sum 396*l.* 17d. *Debtes owing unto him at his deathe.* William Lamb, of Richmont, 1*l.* Mr. Robert Dudley 11s. 6d. John Hilton 6s. John Bardon, of Sedforth, in the countie of Norfolk, 8*l.* 10s. The companye of Eastland merchants 2*l.*.13s. 4d. The companye of the towne of Newcastell, for money toward the purchase of Gaytshead, 2*l.* 8s. Robert Mytforthe 14s. Summa 103*l.* 14s. 1d.

LXV. TESTAMENTUM ODINEL SELBY.

Jan. 10, 1585-6. Odnell Selbey,* of Hulle parke, in the countye of Northumberland, gentilman. My bodye to be buryed in my parishe churche of St. Michaell, th'archangell, at Alnwicke. I geve my sonne Raphe Selbey unto the right honorable Earle of Northumberland, my good lord and master, as frely as God gave him to me, yf it shall please his honor to taik hym to his service, to serve hym in my place, as I have donne his lordship's father, and the Earle his late brother, thes sex and thirtye yeres. To my said sonne Raphe the good will of the office of the kepershipe of Hull parke, as shall stande with my good lorde and master's pleasure; also I geve unto him my lease of the halfe tythe corne of Shipley, and the holle tythe corne of Est Ditcheborne, and my good will of the Peathe, which lyethe within Charleton feilde, and the cottage in Shipley; and I will that Annes my wyffe shall have, furthe of those tythes, for hir third, 13s. 4d. by yere, and the third parte of all my goodes, excepte those I geve by legacy. I geve to the said Annes, during her wedohead, yf she and my sonne Raphe can-

* The testator, a retainer of the Earl of Northumberland, was, probably, of the family of Selby, of Twisell, in Norhamshire. Two of the supervisors of his will were of the house of Twisell, and two of the witnesses, no doubt relations, were Selbys from the same neighbourhood. The will of a namesake, Odonel Selby, mayor of Berwick, and M.P. for that borough in 1539, is printed in *Wills and Inventories*, p. 142.

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not agre together, in the office of Hull parke, the fermehold in Southe Charleton,* with the stone howse, which I lately builded there; and the other fermhold there to remayne still in the handes of my sonne Raphe, for the mayntenance of his howse, and the kepinge of his two brethren at the scole, whilse they come to lawful age. And yf so be that my sonne Raphe do not kepe the office in Hulle parke, then I geve him the good will of my two fermeholdes in Charleton, and the cottage, with the copyeholdes of the same. And yf he remayne still in the office, then I will that eyther Marmaduke or William Selbey, my sonnes, shall have my two fermeholdes and copyeholdes aforesaid, whiche of them the ryght worshipful Sir Cuthbert Collingwood, knyght, shall think most fyttest for. To my sonnes John and Thomas Selbey my halfe tythe of Newe Bewicke, during my yeres, and unto such tyme as it be lowsyd, and the sume of 20*l.* paid for it, and the mony to be geven betwixt them two, to helpe them to a stocke, and 4*l.* to be geven by legacye, as the payment may be maid. To my eldest sonne Robert, yf he come into the country, 40s., wherewith he muste holde hym contente withall, by reason I have bene at great charges for hym already. To Annes, my wyffe, and to my fyve sonnes, Raphe, John, Thomas, Marmaduke and William Selbey, all my cattell, that I have in Charleton, and aboute my howse, at home, in the parke, that is to saye, nolte, shepe and naiges, to be parted equallie among them. To my sonne Raphe my best hors, the great bras pott and the best candelsticke, to be ayrelomes in his howse. To Annes, my wyffe, and to Raphe, my sonne, all the rest of my insight goodes, that remaynes behynd my doughter's porcion. To my wyffe and my sonne Raphe all the corne at Charleton, (except this yeres corne onely), and they to geve unto my sonnes Marmaduke and William, for the space of fyve yeres, to eyther of them 20s. by yere. The corne at Charleton this yere, that may be spared for fyndinge of my house, shalbe sold for payment of the lorde's fine. I maike my sonnes Raphe and Marmaduke executors. The ryght worshipfulles Sir Cuthbert Collingwood and Sir John Selbey, knyghtes, and Mr. William Selbey, his sonne, I maike

* This farm, at South Charlton, he held of George Strother, of Abberwycke, gentleman, who makes his will Oct. 14, 1584. He desires burial "in the parishe churche of Allnwycke, as nyghe unto my father's bodye, and othere, my ancestores, as maye be. I geve to my mother Jenat Strother two yowes. To my cosyn Robert Clarke, sone of John Clarke, of Alnwyck, my howse in Fenkel stret, in consyderacion of the great travell and charges, that he hayth bestowed in the lawe, aboute the obteininge of the same, and the goodwyll and ryght of a farmold in Sowthe Charltone, now in the tenore of Odnell Selbey. The rest to Jenate, my wife, and John Clerk, my cosyne, whom, for the frendshype and love he beares, I praye to be a husband and faythfull frend to my wiffe."

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supervisors. Witnesses, John Harryson, John Selbey, of Tyndell howse, Oswold Selbey, of Crokeham, and Thomas Watson, of Wooller.

Inv. July 15, 1586. Fourtene oxen 14*l.* xviij kyne 18*l.* viij whyes of two yeres olde 4*l.* xiiij styrkes of yerelinges 3*l.* 10s. lxxxvij shepe 10*l.* 17s. 6d. xx lames 20s. iij meares 4*l.* Inseight goodes, with waynes, plewes, &c., 4*l.* The lease of the half tythe corne of Shipley 4*l.* A lease of the tythe corne of Est Ditcheborne 40s. Summa 65*l.* 7s. 6d. ✠

LXVI. TESTAMENTUM MARIÆ THORNELL.

Apr. 15, 1586. Mary Thornell,* of the towen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. I geve to the worshipfull Mr. Henrie Anderson, esquier, and my good mistris, his bedfellow, for a token of remembrance, to either of them one angell. To my brother Percyvall Bell,† in lyke sort, 10s. To my sister Jane, his wyffe, 10*l.*, and all myn apperell, to be distributed by her to my mother, and brethren, Henrie, Cuthbert and Robert Thornell, and yf Robert and Cuthbert come not into England, then ther partes to go to Henrie his children. To Franncis, Richard and Brian Perkinson, to everie of them 10s. To Franncis Conyers one French crowne, 6s. To Mr. Bartram Anderson one English crowne, 5s. To Henrie and Thomas Anderson one French crowne, 6s., a pece. To Mrs. Robert Collingwood my jewell. To Mrs. Barbara Anderson my best gold cawell, rowells and ribbons. To John Rand, John Thompson, Richard Storie, Richard Arnot, Robert Norton, William Phillipes, John Cooke, Cuthbert Bee, to eche of them 2s. To the porter 12d. To Phillis Swynnoe, Margaret Milner, Margaret Wilkinson, Barbara Thompson, Anne Milner, to eche of them 3s. 4d. To Debora 2s. To Ibbie Thompson 6d. To the two kitching boies 12d. To the porr in the strett, wheren my master dwelleth, 10s. To my brother his servantes 6s. There is owen unto me by Raph Ashlie 30*l.*, I will to be taken no more than 26*l.* 13s. 4d. The rest of my goodes &c., to my well beloved sister Jane Bell, whom I make executrix. [Pr. Nov. 7, 1586.]

Inv. Prased at Hartlepoole, Nov. 18, 1586. One taffeta gowne, with ij gardes of velvette, 5*l.* One silke grograne gowne, with j garde of velvette, 3*l.* One freeseadowe gowne 40s. One

* Daughter of Laurence Thornell, bailiff of Darlington, whose will is dated, Aug. 16, 1558. Some extracts from it are given in Longtaffe's *Darlington*, p. 278.

† The husband of her sister Jane. He was mayor of Hartlepool in 1593. In Hartlepool church there is a monument to his wife. Sharpe, in the *History of Hartlepool*, p. 106, gives the inscription, and a plate of the brass with her effigy.

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buffine gowne 30s. One taffeta petticote 20s. One stamell petticote clothe, with a garde of velvette, 40s. ij ells of taffeta 23s. v paire of satteyne sleives 26s. ij old satteyne kirtells 10s. A taffeta hatte, freinde with velvette, 26s. 8d. Two goolde caullis 26s. 8d. One jewell of goolde 7*l.* iiij goolde ringes 40s. One saddell, covered with fuschian, in appis with the furniture, 20s. v bandes of camericke and othere lynninge 30s. *Debtes awinge to the deceased.* Rauffe Ashleye and William Baites 30*l.* The executors of Nicolas Thornell, for a legacie, 20*l.* Summa totalis 81*l.* 2s. 4d. Teste me Jacobo Thorpe, notario publico, majori et burgensibus oppidi de Hartlepool. ✠

LXVII. TESTAMENTUM MATHÆI WHITE.

Dec. 29, 1586. Mathewe White,* of Readhewghe, in the countie of Durham, gentleman. My bodie to be buryed within the parishe churche of Gateshed. To the poore man's boxe of Gateshed parishe, in token and remembrance of my love and affection towards God's people, 10s. To my wife Ane White my house in Gateshed, adjoyninge unto the house of Lawrence Stede, for her life, and then to my sonne Nicholas White. To my sonne Roger White my house in Newcastle, standinge in Westgate. To Nathanael Brantyngham 40s. To my wife Anne all that of right she can have by lawe, which is the thirdes of my goodes, and unto my children, Roger, Mathewe, Nicholas, Anthony, Nathanaell White, Anne Brantingham, Margaret, Katheran and Susan White, another third part of all my goodes. The rest to my wife, whom I make sole executrix. I geve to my sonne Jacob White a bay nage at Gryndon.

Inv. March 9. *In the hall.* Two frame tables and ij formes 10s. j ambrie and ij cupbourdes 26s. 8d. xx dublers 26s. 8d. xj pewther dishes and j plaite, with j ure and j bayson 12s. vj pottin dishes, v sausers, ij saultes, and ij drinkinge pottes, 5s. viij candlestickes, j pestell, j morter, and j brassen chaufer, 8s. vj stones of lyne in garne, and ij poundes of straykinges, 30s. vj quishions 2s. *In the parloure.* Fyve paire of lyninge sheetes 20s. vij codde pillowes 13s. 4d. iij table clothes, j diper towell and j playne towell 13s. 4d. ij dozen of table napkyns and ij hande towells 10s. ix paire of harden sheetes and ij harden boorde clothes 18s. Halfe a dozen silver sponnes 30s. In

* Son of William White, of Redheugh, co. Durham, gentleman, by Margaret, daughter of John Whitfield, of Whitfield, co. Northumberland, esq. He married Anne daughter of John Lambton, of Lambton, esq. This will makes some additions to the pedigree, which Mr. Surtees has printed, *History of Durham*, vol. ii. p. 132.

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broken silver sponnes 20s. ij featherbeddes and vj coverlettes, ij paire of blanketes and iij pillowes, iij bolsters 43s. 4d. vij yeardes of huswife cloathe, pewcke coloure, 16s. xx yeardes of white wollen clothe 20s. xxx yeardes of harden 10s. A corne arke and a Danske chiste 6s. ij bedsteades 3s. 4d. xxix yeardes of rawe wollen clothe 11s. 4d. *In the chamber.* One featherbed, iij coverlettes, ij blankettes, j bolster 20s. j mattres, ij coverlettes, a bolster, j pillowe and j bedsteade 13s. 4d. j standinge bedd, with wroughte powles, 6s. 8d. His apparrell generall, j coate of plaite, j shafe of arrowes, ij steele cappes, j coveringe, and j hande peece, 3*l.* ij olde chistes and j chaire 2s. *In the kitchinge.* One iron chimney, iij spetes, j paire of rackes and ij racken crookes 10s. j ambree and j cawell 5s. j brewe leade, withall the furniture, 20s. vj brasse pottes and ij iron pottes 40s. j caldron, a greate panne and vj litle pannes 13s. 4d. ij kitchinge knives 8d. j fryinge panne and j droppinge panne 2s. All the wodden vessell, perteyninge to the kitchinge and the milke house, 6s. 8d. v printes for gingbreade 12d. j paire of playinge tables, j glasse case, withe glasses and bottles, j candie bowle, j chamber potte, ij poundes of yallowe waxe and iij pintes of honye 3s. 4d. *In the milke house.* One table, iij tubbes, iij bushells of groates, with chease fattes and other vessell, j chease presse and j candle case 20s. *In the kill.* One kill haire and j kill chimney 6s. 8d. v bowles of oate malte 30s. j malte bushell, j wheate pecke, j windinge clothe, iiij sackes, iij bushell peckes, j boulting ton, viij bounches of lattes, iij spynninge wheales, ij tanner hides, j dintle and j white hide 13s. 4d. One common booke,* j Testamente, with certayne other bookes, as Calvin's commentares upon the Psalmes 5s. *Plewes and pleugh geere, &c.* Two plewes, j socke, iij culters, viij iron sommes, j paire of linne pinnes, j loose crooke, iij sheckells, iij boltes, j longe waine, iij coupe waines, xj yookes, geere for ij horses, iiij axes, j chissell, iiij wombles, ij spades, j hay spaide, j grape, j muckhacke, ij coale shovells, j iron forke, ij paire of graines, ij hande sawes, ij horse harrowes, j oxe harrowe, j stone barrowe, ij leathers 61s. *Corne and haye.* Eightene threaves of wheate 30s. lx threaves of oates 5*l.* Haye 20s. *Cattels and other goodes.* Sixtene oxen 32*l.* v stirkes of one yeare olde 40s. j bull, xj kyne, ij whyes and vj younge calves 22*l.* vj tuppes, xxx yewes and xx hogges 6*l.* 13s. 4d. ij horses and j maire 4*l.* j paire of milne stones 26s. 8d. Certaine olde timber 10s. j olde fishinge boate 10s. j salmon nett and half a flouke nette 20s. xiiij acres of wheate lande, sowne, 10*l.* Coales *(blank). At*

* *Book of Common Prayer.*

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Grinden. Sixe twinters and j thre-yeares olde stotte 7*l.* ij stottes 4*l.* ij bay maires, j graie and j folle 6*l.* j bay stagge, not ij yeares olde, 20s. *At Whickham.* Two horse harrowes and j oxe harrowe 3s. 4d. Haye and strawe 13s. 4d. Summa totalis 145*l.* 2s. *Debtes which he was owinge.* To Mr. John Lambton 10*l.* To John Graie 28s. 8d. To Anthonie Morpethe 28s. 8d. To Thomas Hopper 11s. Funerall expences 5*l.* To the poore 10s. To Robert Eden 4s. 6d. To George Hopper 13s. 10d. To Richard Burley. Summa 20*l.* 16s. 8d. ✠

LXVIII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI DOWTHWAITE.

Aug. 20, 1586. William Dowthwhet,* of Westholme, in the parishe of Winston. My bodie to be buryed in the parrishe churche of Winston. To my wife one whyt riged whye. To my soone William Dowthwhet all my right in the towne and feylds of Lang Newton. To my daughter Ane Dowthwhet all my parte of housholde geare. To Richard, being a bayster, 20s. To John Dowthwhet, beinge a baister, 13s. 4d. Item, whereas Raphe Pearsson saythe that I ow him vij grotes, I saye yt is an untrewthe, but I give hym 12d. I will that Barnard Dowthwhet have the newe mower, with my parte in the fer riddynges, if he thinke that he can doe any good upon yt, if not, to doe with yt what he pleaseth. To my soonne Barnard one longe bowe. To my soone Robert my bowe, which Thomas Pekering hathe, and the arrows that is with hime. The rest of my goodes I geve to my soones and doughter, Barnard, John, Robert,† and Ane,

* A member of a family of yeomen, which had been settled at Westholme, in the parish of Winston, as tenants under the Nevilles, for some time. One of the family is mentioned in the will of Henry, earl of Westmoreland, printed in this volume, p. 4. The house at Westholme, built, as the date over the chimney piece in the hall says, in 1607, by the son of the testator, is an interesting specimen of the architecture of that period.

† He married Mary, daughter of George Scrope, esq. His will, dated July 31, 1624, is in the registry at York. "John Dothwaite, of Westholme, co. Durham, gent. To be buried within the church of Winston, under that blewe stone, which is at the end of my stall. To my mother-in-law Mrs. Margaret Rawlinson x kye, to be sommered on my pasturs, called Rooleaz, and to be at winter as my other goodes bee, viz., milke kyne amongst milke kine, and drye geld kyne amongst drye kyne. To my said mother-in-lawe to receive, shee knoweth well where, 9*l.* in old gold, and she shall either keepe it, for the use of my sister, Elinor Scroope, or give it to herself. And for as much as I have beene defamed and slannderd, that I should have in my handes, and power over all, or the moste, of my said sister Elionor Scroppe her porcion, for the stopping of suche slannderous mouthes, and for giveing satisfaction to the world, in that particulor, hereby, I doe take it upon my conscience, that I nowe neither have, nor ever had, anye of what has belonged to hir, more than the said 9*l.*, and therefor I take it upon me, and am unjust wronged in by such reports. To John Dowthwaite, my brother

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whome I make executors. Item, I dellivered to my master, Sir John Constable, 20*l.*, for promise of a leasse in Langdayle howsse, but he never mayd me none, and since his deathe I moved yt to his soonne and heire, Sir Henry Constable, and he promised me that I should ather have a leasse, or my mony againe, but I trust his worshippe will consider upon yt. Witnesses, Edward Eland, Barnard Thirkelt, Thomas Horne and Robert Claton. [Pr. March 11, 1586-7.]

LXIX. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI FRANKLINE.

Dec. 1, 1585. Richarde Frankline,* of the citie of Yorke, esquier. I geve to everie of my sonnes, George, Thomas and William Frankline, one annuitie of xl markes, issuinge from my lease of Midrige Grange, in the countie of the bishoppricke of Duresme, in full satisfaction of their childe's partes. And in case all, or anie, of my said sonnes shall become apprentice to any arte or trade, or shall continue in the studie of learninge, then I will, that anie of my said sonnes, so doinge, shall receve five hundred markes, in the stede of the said annuitie. To everie of my daughters, Elizabeth, Lucie and Jane Frankline, five hundred markes, when they shall be married, or come to the age of xxj yeres. I appointe the tuicion of the bodie portion, and rightes of my sonne George to my verie good frende George Mounte-

Barnard's son, a sanded grey fillie, the worst of the two, I have on Cleatlam pastur, and to his father the lease on Rookbie moore, whereon he nowe dwelleth. To his sonne, my nephew, Barnard, 20s., to buy bookes. To his daughter Marie a whye. I will that all the poorer sort of this parishe shalbe served with money, at the church doore, at my buriall. The rest to John, my sonne and heire."

His son John makes a nuncupative will, Apr. 15, 1627. "Being sicke in bodye he did say, 'I give all, whatsoever is due unto me, unto my grandmother,' sayeing further, 'yea, if it were a thousand times more, God defende, who should have it else?'"

* Of a Yorkshire family, of which several members settled in the county of Durham. They were all nephews of William Francklin, dean of Windsor, who had been master of Kepyer hospital until the dissolution, and it was probably through him that they became connected with Durham. The testator was the son of Hugh Franklin, of Nelsing, co. York, with whom the pedigree of Frankland, of Aldwark, commences in Dugdale's visitation. He married a daughter of Thomas Young, archbishop of York. The family of Frankland, of Thirkelby, came from the same stock. In Dugdale's visitation is this query, "How this family (of Thirkelby) is descended from Hugh Frankland, of Nelling, in co. Ebor., to whom these armes were granted by W. Flower, norroy." In the testator's brother William's will, mention is made of "my cosin Hugh Francklin, of Roche Abby, and Johan, his wiffe;" this Hugh makes his will Sept. 26, 1599, and calls himself of Great Thirkleby, esq. He mentions his wife Johan, his brother John, and his brother's son, Richard Franklin. His sister's son William Gill. To his brothers, Ralph and John, he gives his monastery of Roche Abbey. His brother Ralph's sons, Richard and William.

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forte, esquier,* and if he die, then to William Dineley gent.† The tuicion of Thomas I give to William Baites, gent.,‡ and of William to Anne, my wief, for her widowhood only, and from thenceforth, to my cousin Roger Dallton, the yonger.§ The tuicion of Elizabeth to John Moore,‖ of Blake strete, in the citie of Yorke, esquier, and Anne, his wief: of Lucie to Hugh Frankline, gent., and Joice, his wiefe, and of Jane to Richarde Tailforde, citizen and upholster, of London, and Jeronimie, his wief. My son Henrie Frankline,¶ to have all the profits of my said lease, the legacies paied, if my executors, in respect of his virtue and good disposicions, shall deme him worthy of the same. My wief to have, from the death of Mrs. Coniers, of Ellerton, in the countie of Yorke, wedow, the house wherin the said Mrs. Coniers dwelleth, with the third parte of all the landes, the said Mrs. Coniers occupieth. My executors, duringe the minoritie of my sonne Henrie, to have two partes of my landes &c., towardes the performance of my will. All my landes &c., to my sonne Henrie, then to George, then to Thomas, then to William, then to Elizabeth, Lucie and Jane, and their heires for ever. My leases and interestes of my houses &c., in Yorke, to be solde, to pay my debtes. To my servants, viz., to Henrie Procter my velvet coate, to Giles Fenay my gowne, faced with conie and lambe, to John Atkinson my grogrene gowne, to Vincent Fawcet my blacke cloth gowne, garded with velvet, and to John Martiall my velvet jerkin and blacke Spanishe lether jerkin frised. I make my verie good frendes William Pailer, esquier,** William Baites, Hugh Frankline, gentlemen, and Richard Tailforde, executors, and I give to everie of them one ounce of angell golde, to make a ringe. My worshipfull frendes Mr. Doctor Hutton, deane of the cathedrall church of Yorke, William Palmer, chancelor of the same churche, Thomas Darcy,†† George Mounteforte, Roger Dallton, esquiers, William Dineley and Hugh Bethel,‡‡ gentlemen, supervisors, and I give them eche 40s. in golde, to make them ringes.

A codicill made by Richard Frankline, of Midridge grange,

* Probably a member of a family long seated at Hackforth, near Hornby.

† Of an ancient family at Swillington, near Leeds; he married Dorothy, daughter of William Baites, of West Laithes.

‡ Of West Laithes, in Cleveland.

§ Of Kirkby Misperton.

‖ An eminent lawyer, sergeant-at-law; he lived in the Mint Yard, York.

¶ Afterward Sir Henry Frankland, of Aldwark, knt.; he married first, Jane, daughter of Sir Charles Wren, of Binchester, co. Durham, and secondly, Frances, daughter of Sir Henry Windham, and left issue by both marriages.

** Of Nun Moncton, near York.

†† Of Hornby Castle.

‡‡ Afterwards Sir Hugh Bethell, of Ellerton, in the East Riding, knight.

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in the countie of the bushopprick of Duresme. I give the tuicion of my yongest sonne William Frankline to my good frende Mr. Watkinson, one of the atturnies of the Kinge's benche. If it please God to call me to His mercie, within these three yeares next, then the lease of my house, in the minster yarde, in Yorke, which I have from Mr. Wrighte, sub-deane of the churche of Yorke, shalbe solde, and the money to be receved for the same, shalbe imploied towardes paiment of such debtes as I owe, unto my servantes Henrie Proctor, John Atkinson, Giles Fenay, John Martiall and Vincent Fawcet.

March 13, 1586-7. To William Frankline, my yongest sonne, my lease &c., of one water corne milne, called Ricknall milne, which I have from the lorde bushop of Duresme. To Richard, sone unto my brother, William Frankline,* the use of that messuage &c., in Awdwerke, in the countie of Yorke, now in the occupation of William Parker, and one close, called the

* He married Jane, daughter of Christopher Chaytor, of Butterby, co. Durham, esq., and widow of Ralph Willey, of Houghton-le-Side. She re-married Richard Tankard. His will is dated Jan. 10, 1589-90. "William Frankland, of Houghton-in-the-Side, in the countie of Durham, gentleman. To be buried in my parishe churche of Denton. To the power of the parishe of Houghton 20s. To the power of the towne of Newcastle-upon-Tyne 20s. (To the power of the parishe of Gigleswick, in Yorkshire, where I was born, 40s. *Struck out in the original.*) I give to my sone Richard Franklin c markes, in full paimente of his childe's portion, which shalbe paied to him when he shall come to the age of xxj yeares, or be maried; and if it please God, to call him out of this liffe, before that tyme, I will that his said portion shall remaine to my daughter Isabell, and the child that is in my wiffe's wombe. To my said daughter Isabell, for her childe's portion, c markes. To the child that my wiffe is with c markes. My wiffe Jane Franklin shall have the tuition of my said children, and ther portions, so long as she shall remaine wedow, and unmarried. If she marie again, I give my sone Richarde Franklin, and his portion, unto Mr. Gosson, of London, hopinge that he will bring him up in the feare of God, and husband his portion to his most benefit and profite, and I give my said daughter and her portion to my cosin Hugh Francklin, of Roch Abby, and Johan his wiffe. Whereas there is certaine articles of covenante betwixte my brother Thomas Chaitor and me, tuchinge of the lease of the demaines in Houghton, wherby yt is expressed, amongest other thinges, that I should take the said lease, and passe and set over the same, unto John Willye, sone to Raphe Willye, deceased, when he should accomplish the age of xxiiij yeares, he paing to me, or my assignes, so muche money, as I disburshed, for the taking of the said lease, and wheras ther are divers quillites and parcelles of sundrie cotages, in the same lease, assigned to me, from Mr. Selbye and Mr. Muschamps, my will is, that the said John Willye shall have the said lease, by paying unto myne executores 230*l.*, when he shall accomplishe the aige of xxiiij yeares. And if it please God that the said John Willie shall die, before he come to the aige of xxiiij yeares, having noe heir maile of his bodie, lawfullie begotten, then my will is, that my said sone Richarde Francklin, when he shall come to the aige of xxiiij yeares, shall have the same lease, he painge to everie daughter of the said Raphe Willie, then livinge, xx markes a pece. And if the said Richarde die before he come to xxiiij yeares, and the childe my wiffe is with chance to be a man childe, then my will is, that such child shall have the said lease. All the rest of my goodes &c., to my wiffe Jane Francklin, whom I make sole executrix."

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Scrog hagg, parcell of the demeane of Aldwarke. I remitte unto William Frankline, my brother, 100*l.*, that he oweth me. To Richarde, my nephewe, 100*l.*, which my brother Thomas Frankline, his father, doth owe mee, hopinge that his father will be better father to him, than he hath beene frende to mee. To Thomas Frankland, my servant, the occupation of one tenement, at Ellerton, in the countie of Yorke, for xxj yeares to come. To my servant, Thomas Coulton, one tenement at Awdwarke, for xxj yeares to come.

Mem. That Richard Frankline, esquier, within foure daies next before his death, beinge sicke, at Midrige grange, did, by word of mouth, give all his apparrell to his servants, that tooke paines with him in this sicknesse.*

* I give the wills of Thomas and John Francklin, two cousins of the testator. Thomas Francklin was brother of John Francklin, of Cocken, whose will is printed in *Wills and Inventories*, p. 386. March 19, 1588-9. "Thomas Frankland, alias Frankleine, of Archdeacon Newton, in the countie palantine of Durham, gentleman. To my welbeloved wife, Elizabeth, the use and occupacion of the moietye of my fermeholde, at Archdeacon Newton, for her life, payinge halfe of all charges and dewties, perteiyninge to the same. And after her decease, I geve it to my three children, Richarde, Raphe and Jane Franklande. To my said three children the other moietye of my fermeholde aforesaid. To my sonne Richarde my two drinkinge pottes of silver, gilted, and my wife to have the custodye of them, until he come to xxj yeres. To my sonne Raphe my signet of golde. To my daughter Jane two anngells of golde, to make her a ringe of. To my welbeloved father-in-lawe, Mr. Oswold Dente, and to my mother-in-law, his wife, to either of them two anngells of golde, besechinge of them to be kinde unto, and to remember, my children. To my two brothers-in-lawe, Reynolde and George Dente, to eyther of them a colte stagge, of two yeres olde, to be bringed upp uppon my fermeholde, untill theye be fitt to be ridden and travailed. To my said father-in-lawe the tuicion and custodye of all my three children. I make my cosin, Mr. William Fothergill, of the cittie of Yorke, notarie publique, and Mr. Peter Wilkinson, of the said cittie, habardaisher, supervisors, and I give to eyther of them an angell of golde. The rest of all my goodes &c., to my wife Elizabeth, whom with my three children, I make executors."

"Inv. April 4, 1589. His apparell 3*l.* His armor 50s. Two silver pootes 6*l.* vj silver sponnes 30s. Two overse coveringes and an Irishe mantle 46s. 8d. One brode edged panne 2s. 6d. Three Hambrough pottes 5s. Some total of goodes and debtes 220*l.* 14s. 4d. *Funerall expences.* To Mr. Whetacar, for drawinge his will, 2s. 6d. For cumfittes 20s. For caikes 9s. 6d. For brede 8s. 3d. For wyne 8s. 3d. For chese 2s. 8d. Geven to them that watched him 16d. To the prest 12d. To the clark 16d. For ringinge of the great bell 6s. 8d. For the grave 3s. 4d. For the chiste 3s. 4d. To fyve old peple 3s. To the apoticarie 3s. 8d. To the surgons 10s. For chairges maid and disbursed by his wife, in cominge to York, to her husband, and ther remaininge unto his buriall and funerall was past, and rydinge home againe, and ther praysinge and sellinge the goodes, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Mr. Brickwell, for the mortuarie, 10s. For thre yards and a halfe of broune blew 50s. For one yard, quarter and halfe, 11s. For one yard and a halfe of broune blew 13s. 6d. For a murninge hat 8s. For charges of the commission and provinge of the will 30s."

John Francklin is mentioned, as a cousin, in the will of John Francklin, of Cocken, and to complete the series of the wills of this family I print his will. April 18, 1596. "John Franklin, of Amerstone. To my wife Jane my graie mare. To my sone John Franklein, to the use of his children, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my sone,

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LXX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BLAKISTON.

Jan. 5, 1586-7. In the name of God, my Creator, Redemer, and Comforthter. I Johne Blaykeston,* of Blaykeston, within the countye of Durham, esquier, deseassed in bodye, but quyck in mynde, and of perfette remembrance, thankes be unto God, doe mayk this my laste will and testamente. First, I doe commende my soule unto th'andes of Jesus Christe, myne onelye Redemer and Saviour, and my funeralle to be suche, as, by my most deare and worshipfull freandes, shalbe thought convenyente. I bequethe unto Barbara, my wife, 400*l.*, in full recompense of the thirdes of all my goodes. To my doughter Alyce 400*l.*, in full recompense of her childe's parte. To my doughters, Marye and Dorothie,† fyve hundreth markes a pece, to be paied by my sonnes, William,‡ Thomas and Christofer, within thre yeares after my death. Wheras my sonne William, in consideration that certeine eoppiehould landes, in Warden Lawe, ar supposed to dissend unto him, hath promisyed 300*l.*, to such, and in such sorte, as I shall appointe, I doe therfore bequeth, that he shall paye the said 300*l.* to my doughter Ellyn, within one monthe after she shall come to th'age of xviij yeares, or within sixe monthes after her mariage. Also whereas I convented in mariage with my doughter Meryall the some of 300*l.*, whereof my sonne-in-lawe William Wycliffe, hir husband, hath allreadye receved 200*l.*, I will the remainder be paied, 50*l.* at Whitsondaye, and 50*l.* at Martinmas nexte; and in consideration that she is my eldest doughter, and to make hir portion equall with my dough-

Henry Fotherlee, to the use of his childe, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my sone William Smithe, to the use of his children, 5*l.* 6s. 8d. To John Robson, my godsone, my grey nagg. To Margaret Franklein, my daughter, a full thirde of all my goodes. To the poore of the parishes of Hurworthe-uppon-Tease, and Elwick, 20s. betwixt them. To John Lodge, of Nesham, my godsone, 3s. 4d. The rest to my daughter, Margaret, whom I make executrix, and I appoint my welbeloved nephewe, Robert Robson, supervisor." His inventory, taken April 29, 1596, amounted to 167*l.* 7s. 6d., and it is there noted, that his son John had five children, his son-in-law William Smith two children, and his son-in-law, Henry Foderlaye, a son.

* The head of the ancient family of Blakiston. He was the son of Thomas Blakiston, of Blakiston, esq., by Elizabeth, daughter of John Place, of Halnaby, co. York, esq., and co-heir of her mother Catherine, sister and heir of Thomas Surtees, of Dinsdale, esq. The testator was twice married, first to Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Sir George Bowes, of Dalden, and secondly to Barbara, daughter of Thomas Lawson, of Usworth, esq., and widow of Thomas Whitehead, of Monk Wearmouth, gent.

† She married John Heath, of Kepyer, esq.

‡ His eldest son, afterwards Sir William Blakiston, knight; he married Alice, daughter and co-heir of William Claxton, of Winyard, esq., and so became the representative of two of the most important and ancient families of Durham gentry.

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ter Alice, I give unto hir one other 100*l.* To my sonne Thomas 60*l.*, over and above his estate of Hepten-of-the-hill. To my sonne Henrye 80*l.*, over and besydes 30*l.*, whiche he hathe alreadye received, and 60*l.*, whiche is in my brother Dente* his handes. To my sonne George 150*l.*, to be payde unto him, within six monthes after he be discharged of his aprentishipp, for whiche he standeth bounde to his maister, Heughe Faire-clothe, cytyzin of London. I will that my executor shall paye the severall portions and legacyes to the children of Thomas Whitehead, disceased, as are not yett payde. I will that my executor shall bringe upp my sonnes, Peter and Humfraye, with meate, drinke, clothinge, and scooling, and all other necessaries, meate for ther callinge and age, until ether of them shall come to the age of xviij yeares, at whiche tyme I will, that ther annuytye of 20*l.* shall beginne. To Robert, Henrye, and Marye Whitehead, and Kathirine, now wife to my sonne Thomas, beinge my wive's children, to everye of them two oulde angelles. I will that Barbara, my wyffe, shall enjoye my howse and lordshippe at Coxhoe, for her life, payinge yerelye to my sonne William 50*l.*, accordynge to a covenante made between Mr. Claxton and me, which some of 50*l.*, with the interest, within the said indentures, reserved unto me of Ayslebye and Thorpthewles, I leave to my saide sonne William. And further I geve unto my saide sonne William, and to his haires for ever, all my manners, landes, heriditamentes, rentes, reverciones, servyces, medowes, mores, pastures, commons, feedinges, and common of pasture, in Great Chilton, Dinsdaile, Stoddaye, Darneton, Longnewton and Warden Law, within the countye of Durham, uppon condycion, that he geve to my children, Christofer, Marmaduke, John, Robert, Peter and Humfray Blaykeston, to everye of them 20*l.* a yere. Whereas my sonne Marmaduke† is preferred to the personage of Readmarshall, my will is, that the said annuytye of 20*l.* shall cease, so long as he shall enjoye the saide personage, or any other ecclesiastycall or temporal levinge, of the valew of 40*l.* by yere, and also that my sonne Robert shall enjoye the said annuytye, untyll he likewise be preferred to some levinge of the yearelye vallue of 30*l.* I will that my executor shall paye to my wyffe all suche somes of money, as I have alreadye receved from Heughe Whitehead, to th'use of Henrye and Marye Whitehead, so as the same be commytted to

* George Dent, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, merchant.

† He never, probably, enjoyed his annuity, for he was always well provided with "ecclesiasticall levinge," having been vicar of Woodhorn, rector of Redmarshall, rector of Sedgefield, archdeacon of the East Riding, prebendary of Wistow, and though last, not least, prebendary of Durham.

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my said wyffe, being ther naturall mother. To my wyffe I geve my gresseld geldinge, and two of my sommer nagges, suche as she shall lyke of, or 10*l.*, and if none of the three horses doe lyke her, then I will she have 20*l.*, to provide her of three horses, to her owne likinge. To my sonne William my beste horse or geldinge, at his choice. To my sonne Thomas the nexte beste of my horses, geldinges or meares, at his choice. To Frances Myddleton,* my neice, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. I will that Henrye Thompson shall have the one of the two farmeholdes at Chilton, whiche I promised him. I will that John Lilburne have a yeare's wages, in consideration that I christened him. I require my sonne William to take into his service John Fletcher, my servant, and to bestowe uppon him some farmeholde, or otherwise to give him, at his departure, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my sonne Marmaduke 20*l.*, towardes the furnyshinge of his howse. To my sonne William's wiffe one amblinge geldinge, or xx nobles. To Thomas, John and Elizabeth, children to my said sonne and daughter, 20*l.*, to be devided equallie amonge them. The rest to my sonne William, whom I make sole executor, and I doe name and hartlye desyer Sir William Bowes, knight, Sir Cuthbert Collingwoodd, knight, Robert Bowes, esquier, treasurer of Barwicke, George Tonge and George Lawson, gentlemen, Humfrey Blaykiston, my brother, and William Wycliffe, my sonne-in-lawe, to be supervisores, and as tokens of my good will, I give unto everie one of them an ould ryall. [Pr. April 1, 1587.]

LXXI. TESTAMENTUM LEONARDI TROULLOPE DE EDEN.

Feb. 20, 1586-7. Leonarde Throulloppe,† of Eden Deane,

* Daughter of Cuthbert Middleton, son of Anthony Middleton, of Newton Hall, whose will is printed, p. 35, by Margaret, sister of the testator.

† The testator was, according to Mr. Surtees' pedigree, *History of Durham*, vol. i., p. 92, a son of Thomas Trollop, of Thornley, esq., by his wife Anne, daughter and co-heir of Roger Lumley, of Ludworth, esq. This seems doubtful. No mention is made of him in Thomas Trollop's will, and John Trollop, who if Mr. Surtees is right, would be his brother, in his will, does not call him brother, although he designates, with their respective degrees of relationship, all his legatees. He gives "to Leonarde Trollope all suche gayttes, as he hath at Little Eden, now belonginge to the hermatage, and also the cony grate there, paying yerely therefore to my heires xxx couple of conyes, and without anye other rent, paying for the same, duryng the lyff of the said Leonard." The very humble position of the testator, and the way in which he speaks of his presumed brother and nephew, are not quite consistent with his being so near a relation of the head of the house of Thornley.

I take this opportunity of giving some extracts from the will of his half-sister, supposing him to be a son of Thomas Trollop. "Nov. 16, 1562. Dorethe Trouloppe. To be buryed in Kellow churche, besydes my father. To my brother

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within the parishe of Esington. My bodye to be buryed in Esington church. To the poore of the parishe, wherin I dwell, 6s. 8d. To Alse Willyamson, my daughter's daughter, two kye, the one called Sonsee, and the other Riggie, and viij shepe, the same to remayn in my wive's handes, till the sayd Alse come to xviij yeres. To Jene Willyamson, my daughter's daughter, one whye, which is yong and branded, to be in the custodie of my master Throullophe tyll she comme to xviij yeres of age. Also I geve to Alse Willyamson one kettell and one cawle. To my wife all my landes in Barwicke, duringe hyr naturall life, she payinge to my sonne Anthonie Troulloppe 26s. 8d. yerelye, duringe hyr lyfe, and then the rentes and landes I doe gyve to my sone Anthonie Trolloppe, and for lacke of heyrs male of his bodie, I doe gyve yt to my master of Thornley, and to Mr. Francys Trolloppe, his sonne, for ever, and yf the sayd Anthony, my sonne, have daughters and no sonnes, that then the said rentes and lands, in Barwicke, to be thers nyne yeres onely, to have ther porcions. The rest of my goodes &c., to Anne, my wife, and Anthonye, my son, whom I make executors. [Pr. April 7, 1587.]

Inv. March 9, 1586-7. Two kye 4*l*. viij shepe hogges 26s. 8d. j caull 6s. 8d. j kettell 6s. 8d. j yron chymney 10s. j branded calfe, for a wenche, 10s. iiij kye 8*l*. j old branded cowe 20s. iiij calves 26s. 8d. xxxj shepe 6*l*. ij cobbardes 40s. j counter, j borde, and ij forms 6s. 8d. xiij peces of pewder and iiij sawcers 10s. iiij candelsticks 2s. j pewder pott 4d. ij brasse pottes 6s. 8d. ij kettells, ij pans, j fish scumer, 20s. v tubs, ij kittes, iiij skeels, xx bouls, vj chese bordes and j swall, with all other wodd whatsoever, 20s. v bee hyves 20s. iiij payre of lynnynge sheetes, vj pillowes, and viij table napkyns, and xj harden sheetes, 22s. iij bourd-cloths and ij towels 4s. ij stone of lynt, spun and not spun, 10s. iiij sackes and ij pookes 4s. iij heckels, iij seaves, j temps, 20d. iiij payre of beddstocks 10s. His apparell 30s. j fetherbed and boulster 20s. ij mattresses, j boulster, iij coddes, 10s. iij coverlettes, v happens, and iij blankettes, 10s. j old wynding cloth and ij old chestes 12d. ij geese, iiij hens, j cocke, 3s. 4d. ix quissens 2s. 6d. j axe, j recken croke tongues, ij rackes and speet, 2s. j sowe 5s. j paire of cart wheeles 3s. 4d. ij ladders 16d.

Roberte 3*l*. 6s. 8d. To my uncle Roberte 20s. To John, my halfe-brother, 40s. To Christofer, Vincent, and Elizabeth Metcalfe, and to one childe within my sister Anne Metcalfe's wombe, 3*l*. 6s. 8d. eache, and my brother to have the custodye of ther porcions. To everie mane servante 12d., and to everie maid 2s. To John Tompson, prest, 10s., and to John Stephenson, curat, 5s. The rest of the goodes, bequested by my father, I geve to my brother John Trowloppe, of Thornley, esq."

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Summa totalis 36*l.* 12s. 6d. *Debtes that the testator doth owe.* To Alse Willyamson 20s., and j hewed coverlett, which is worth 3s. 4d. For j stone of lynt 5s. Summa 28s. 4d. ✠

LXXII. TESTAMENTUM RADULPHI EUREY DE EDGNOLE.

Memorandum. That the xix day of Februarie, 1586, Ralffe Ewrie,* of Edgnolle, within the diocise of Durham, esquier, being sicke, did, of himselffe, will his father-in-law, Thomas Turner, to tarrye a little, and he wold make his will. The which the said Thomas Turner willed him to doe, whereuppon the said Ralffe Ewrie, beinge of perfett minde and memory, by worde of mouthe, said as followethe. I have no landes, but all my goodes, bothe moveable and unmoveable, I give unto my wiffe, meaninge Barbara, his wieff, and then did the said Thomas Turner saie unto him, the said Ralffe Ewrie, Is there non other unto whome you will give any of your goodes, who aunswered and said, Never one penie of my goodes will I give to anye, but to my wieffe onlie. Then there beinge three witnesses, viz., Thomas Turner, Ralffe Wawen and Leonard Jackson.

Inv. Apr. 22, 1587. *At Bedborne parke.* One thicke plonke, or table, uppon roppes, 12d. iiij turned chaiers 4s. viij quishins, of tufte mockadoe, 5s. 4d. A pare of playinge tables 2s. 4d. ij iron rackes, ij spittes, j little drippinge pann, j fryinge pann, j fier shouell, ij pare of tonges, iij racken crookes, a broylinge iron, ij pare of pothooks, and a treffett, 10s. 8d. A basen and ewre, of tyn, 6s. One liverie pott, of tynn, 2s. 6d. j quarte pott, ij pynte pottes, vj flower pottes, ij saltes, ij candlestickes, vj pottingers and iiij trencher plates, of tynn, 11s. 4d. iiij platteres, of pewter, 8s. iiij pewter dishes, viij sawcers, one pye plate and one hande bason 17s. xij tynn spones 12d. iij chamber pottes, of tynn, and one custorde plate, of tynn, 3s. 8d. v candlestickes, of latten, ij chaffing dishes, iij scomers, ij bastinge laddles, of brasse, one other brase laddle, 5s. 4d. ij clevers, ij minsinge knives, and a breadgrate, of tynn, 2s. iij brasse pottes, iij kettels

* Of the family of Eure, of Witton castle, co. Durham. The testator had made an inferior, and probably an irregular marriage, and for this he appears to have incurred the displeasure of his family; he resents their conduct on his death bed, whilst he declares that he will give not one penny of his goods to any but to his wife. This nuncupative will gave rise to a suit in the court. On March 11, 1586-7, Ralph Ewrey produced letters from William, lord Eure, written Feb. 28, 1586-7, to the bishop of Durham, in which, as *proxime consanguineus* of the testator, he objects to Barbara, the widow, taking out letters of administration. The suit went on for some time, but owing to the loss of one of the act books, it does not appear in whose favour it terminated.

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and iiij panns, 30s. j brase morter with an iron pestell 5s. ix barrells for beare, ij stondes, and a wood bottle, 6s. iiij dosen of wood trenchers, iiij wood canns, iij skelles, and ij sowes, 3s. 6d. xij chesfatts, iij synkers, iij dosen mylke bowles, vj dosen of wood dishes, j kyrne, and j wood kitt, 10s. iij browinge tubbes, ij knedinge tubbes, j saltinge tubbe, and one butter tubbe, 7s. j truncke, ij coffers, 13s. 4d. ij bourded bedsteads 4s. j tryndle bedstead 3s. 4d. j fetherbed, iij coveringes, j pare of blankets, a bolster, a pillowe, and one paire of sheetes, 33s. 4d. j mattresse, three *(blank)*, one pare of harden sheetes, and a pillowe, 16s. j tynn lymbecke 10s. ij lynn wheles, and a wollen whele, 3s. vij skepps, iiij maundes, a temps, a hackell, and iiij butter kittes, 5s. ij seves and a ridell 6d. j woode deske 2d. j privie cote and a scull 20s. j rapier, j dagger, j dublett, j pare of hose, j cloke, and j pare of stokines, 46s. 8d. j other shorte clocke, garded with velvet, 40s. ij fleckes of beefe, and halfe a fleke of bacon, 3s. 4d. j hower glasse 4d. A pare of swynglinge stockes, a pare of yarne wyndeblades 6d. ij stone of tallowe 5s. iij cheese bourds and iij scattches 12d. j olde fleshe axe, a whymble, a pare of pinsors, a parcel and a hamer, iij pichforkes and an axe, 2s. iij olde paynted clothes 20d. j load of fowerthe malte, ij sackes and ij pokes, 16s. iiij pare of lynn sheetes 30s. ix harden sheetes 13s. 4d. ix lynn napkines, vj course napkins, iij hande towells and iiij pillowes 6s. 8d. j lynn table clothe, and ij course table clothes 4s. j old Bible, a bridgment of the Statutes, Calvin's Exposition upon the Psalmes, 17s. ij cubbordes, ij boxes and a cubbord clothe, 16s. Halfe a stone of harden yarne 2s. 6d. A carte and ij whilbarrowes, a chese presse and a brake, 8s. A mattres, a pare of harden sheetes, a pillowe codd and ij coverletts, 12s. ij ridinge saddles with stirropps and girthes, and a bredle, 10s. ij load saddles, a womtoe and a halter, 2s. 4d. iij sowes, iij tirkes, j cocke and ij henns, 18d. Butter, foure stone, 12s. xij sawen bordes 6s. xxiij ewes and xxiiij lambes 4*l*. 12s. xxxiij hogge shepe and a tupe 5*l*. 10s. One baye maire, with a fole, 53s. 4d. A white mare and a yonge blacke fillie 4*l*. 6s. 8d. v kyne and v kalves, at 43s. 4d. a pece, 10*l*. 16s. 8d. ix old hagge kyne, at 22s. a pece, 13*l*. 8s. iiij whies, with there calves, at 30s. a pece, 6*l*. x stirkes, and j bull, at 13s. 4d. a pece, 7*l*. 6s. 8d. Sum 81*l*. 1s. 8d.

Apr. 23, 1587. *At Darlington.* One wainscott chiste 6s. 8d. ij pillowes, iij quishines, filled, and ij coveringes for quishines, unfilled, 4s. ij coverlettes and j happinge 6s. 8d. viij dishes of pewter, ij trencher plates, iiij sawcers and a custard chunste of tynn, 6s. 8d. xx yardes of lynn clothe 13s. 4d. j mattres 4s. j cubborde 13s. 4d. j little shorte table, uppon a forme, and a cover-

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inge of dornix to the same, 4s. Trowe of stone 2s. 6d. j little yron paire of racks, j spitt, and j fier shouell, 2s. 6d. j vallens, parte wrought, for a bed, 2s. 6d. iij paire of lynn shetes 20s. v paire of harden shetes 13s. 4d. ix pillowe beares 9s. ij lynn table-clothes 5s. 10d. ij dosen and iij napkines and ij towels 8s. j fetherbed ticke and a bolster 13s. 4d. x yardes of harden clothe 2s. 6d. j longe ashe table, with a olde frame, 3s. 4d. j old standinge bedstede 5s.

One lease, granted frome the right reverend father in God, Richerd, nowe bushopp of Durham, to the said Rauffe Ewrie and his assignees, of the tolles, backhouse, and divers other thinges in Darlington, conteyned in the same, bearinge date the xxiiij daie of August, in the xxj yeare of her Majestie's reigne, 80*l.* One golde chayne 13*l.* 6s. 8d. Sum 100*l.* 15s. 2d. *Debtes owinge to the said Ralffe Ewrie.* Th'executors of the will of Thomas Leyton, esquier, 40*l.* By Mr. Frances Ewrie, sonne to the lord Ewrie, 10*l.* By th'executors of the will of William Thorpe, gent., 4*l.* By Mr. Teasdall 5s. By Bartell, of Darlington, 6s. 8d. By Cuthbert Thornell 2s. By Brian Tood 2s. By Robert Bradford 3*l.* 6s. 8d. Debtes due by certeine streets 15*l.* By John Vasey 8s. Sum 74*l.* 8s. 8d. Sum total 256*l.* 5s. 6d. ✠

LXXIII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI CLAVERING.

Memorandum. That in the latter parte of November, anno 1586, or thereabouts, William Claveringe,* late of Duddoe, within the parishe of Norhame, gentilman, beinge of perfect mind and memorie, thoughe verie craysed and sore wounded in his bodye, did make his will nuncupative, in manner followinge. He did geve to his eldest brother, Mr. Robert Claveringe, one angell, and to his said brother's wife two angells. Also he did geve to Dorothie Claveringe, Margarett Claveringe, alias Armerer, wife to Mr. Thomas Armerer, and to Mabell Claveringe, his three sisters, to everie one of them 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Robert Claveringe, of Berwicke, two angells. To Mrs. Ann Claveringe, his mother, two angells. To Thomas Fettas, his man, the parte of one nagge, that the said Thomas, his father, was owinge unto him, the said William Claveringe. To the poore people of the parishes of Whittingham and Norhame 40s. And he willed, that certaine of his shepe should be given to the poore of Duddoe and Tilmouth. All the rest of his goodes &c., he did legate unto

* The third son of Robert Clavering, of Calleley, esq., whose will is printed, p. 56. He was killed at a border encounter with the Scots, and probably made this will on the field of battle.

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John, James, Cuthbert, and Thomas Clavering, his fower younger brethren, whom he made executors. Witnesses hereof, Mr. Thomas Bradforth, of Bradforth, and Gilbert Dixon. [Pr. July 21, 1587.]

Inv. July 10, 1587. *At Duddo.* Sixtie thre lambes 3*l.* 3s. xlj wethers 6*l.* 16s. 8d. cxx ewes 15*l.* xxxj gimmers and dinmons 3*l.* 12s. 4d. iij kine 3*l.* 12s. One younger kowe 16s. vij stottes 3*l.* 10s. j younge meare 26s. 8d. j chiste 3s. 4d. *At Tillmouth.* Sixtene oxen 16*l.* Plowes and wanes &c., 48s. Corne growinge on the grounde 54*l.* One bull stotte 10s. One nagge 20s. *At Belford.* Five wethers 21s. 4d. l ewes 7*l.* 10s. viij hogges 16s. xxx lambes 40s. One meare 26s. 8d. ij kine 36s. Certaine shepe skines 8s. *Debtes owinge to him.* Richard Ferrer, of Tilmouth, the younger, 18*l.* Charles Fettace, of Tilmouth, 7*l.* 13s. 4d. The controwler of the pallace of Berwicke 11*l.* George Maines, for a meare, 31s. George Havorie, for a horse, 3*l.* 19s. 6d. That divers oweth for woole, 3*l.* 19s. Edward Frisell 3*l.* 4s. Richard Anderson, for a cowe, 31s. 4d. His servant Richardson, for a cowe, 30s. Summa totalis 178*l.* 4s. 2d. *He did owe as followeth.* To his sister, of Haughton, 7*l.* To his brother Thomas 7*l.* 10s. To his brother Cuthbert, for one nagg, 20s. For the busshopp's rent 14s. 4d. To William Davidson 20s. Charges about his husbandrie, and gittinge the corne, 10*l.* Servantes wages, in monie, 3*l.* 13s. 4d. Servantes wages, in corne, xxiiij bowles. Charges about the provinge of his will, ingrossing of the will, and inventorie and funerall expenses, at the least 3*l.* 13s. 4d. ✠

LXXIV. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI JENISON.

June 28, 1587. William Jeneson,* of the towne of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and of the parishe of Saint Nycolas, marchand and alderman. To be buryed in St. Nycolas churche. To my sonne-in-lawe George Simpson, draper, and Beile,† his wief, all that tenemente &c., lyinge in a streayt, called the Syd, in Newcastle, whearin he now dewellyth, duringe thear lyves naturall, and after to go to thear sonne William Simpson, and his heares,

* This opulent Newcastle merchant was the second son of Robert Jenison, of Yokeflete, co. York, gent., and his wife Agnes, daughter of William Wren, of the Isle of Ely. He married Barbara, second daughter of Ralph Carre, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, merchant, and besides his daughter Isabel, had a son William, also merchant and alderman, of Newcastle, ancestor of the Jenisons, of Nesham abbey, and Hurworth, co. Durham.

† Isabel, his only daughter, after George Simpson's death, married Ninian Girlington, of Girlington, co York, esq. She left issue by both husbands.

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and for defaulte of suche to Barbarae Sympson, ther dowghter. I make Barbara, my wife, sole executor. Witnesses, George Anderson, Rauff Tailboys, Peter Madison, Lyonel Maddyson, Oswold Chapman.

Inv. July 24, 1587. *Woode Crofte.* Fower hundred and seven olde sheipe 67*l.* lvj dynmondes 9*l.* 6s. 8d. lxx lames 5*l.* 16s. 8d. ij oxen 4*l.* 13s. 4d. *Walworthe.* Two oxen 7*l.* iiij oxen 10*l.* j oxe 40s. j cowe 33s. 4d. xl wedders 8*l.* vj wedders 20s. My master's gelding 10*l.* j graye meare 3*l.* j greatt colte 4*l.* ij lesser coltes 4*l.* *Nortone.* Tenne dooble acres of corne 20*l.* vj wedders 30s. xv yewes 45s. vj lames 8s. vij oxen 21*l.* j paire of boownde wheiles, with a coope, j assell tree, j paire of wonne wheiles, a coowpe with a assell tree, j paire of stinges, iij drawght yockes, j head yocke, all furnished, iij somes, ij shakells, iiij assell nailes, iiij lyne-pynes, ij yrone raundes, j longe wayne, j cowter, j socke 3*l.* *Woodeham.* One baye meare, with a fole, 53s. 4d. j balde colte 40s. xxvj lames 26s. 8d. *Thorpe.* Twentye eighte gelde sheipe 12*l.* 6s. cxxvj yeowes 18*l.* 18s. j graye naigge 40s. j yonge meare 40s. j blacke meare 40s. My master's sommer naige 33s. 4d. v stottes of thre yeares old, in the leye, 10*l.* viij winter stottes, in the leye, 9*l.* 13s. 4d. v whyes 7*l.* 10s. iiij kye 7*l.* 10s. ij whyes 3*l.* 6s. 8d. vj kye and iij calves 12*l.* 10s. j bull 41s. 8d. xxx oxen, in the new closse, 95*l.* *Eden.* One graye meare, with her fole, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. j baye horsse 8*l.* j stone horsse 33s. 4d. liiij lames 3*l.* 12. xliiij sheepe 6*l.* 12s. x stirkes 3*l.* *Houshold stuff at Thorpe.* Two coobborddes, ij formes, vij stooles, j chare, j longe settell, j yrone chymneye, a pore, a paire of tongges and racken crooike 6*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the parler.* One great cheist, j cheise tro, with a fraime, ij leaven tubbes, j backe stooile, ij hoggsheads, 20s. j bedsteade, with the furniture, 6s. 8d. *In the butterye.* One coobborde, iij gantreys, iiij bordes, ij trissells, ij kyrnes, with their staffes, ij blacke jackes, 20s. *In the lofte over the mell doores.* One bedsteade, with blew hangynes, a yallow teaster, ij coverleddes, j paire of blankettes, j paire of sheittes, ij bolsters, j code, j featherbedd 3*l.* j bedsteade, j table, with ij tresses, 10s. ij lode of ottes 13s. 4d. *In the chamber over the hall.* Two foormes, j candell cheiste, ij trindell beddes, iiij caseis, vj borddes, iij taibles, iiij bordes 30s. xxx sheip-skynes 15s. *In his owne chamber.* One stande bedde, with reade and greane hangynes, ij coverledes, ij blankettes, j paire of sheittes, ij featherbeddes, j bolster, ij coddes, 4*l.* 10s. j cheiste, ij stoolles, j chaire, j stooile of ease, ij tubbes, j chamber potte, 20s. j cotte of plaite, with a steile cappe, 20s. *In the kitchine.* One great cawell, j borde with ij tressells, j choppinge stooile, j yrone chimneye, a paire of rackes,

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j speitt, j cleavinge knyffe, a drippin pane, a fleshe crooike, a gridyron, a paire of geibcrookes, j pestill, j morter, a paire of potclippes, a littell foorme, j gantrey, iiij tubbes, ij casers, iiij boordes, 5*l.* 10s. *Bras vessell.* Two great kettells, iij lesser kettells, v pannes, ij pottes, 40s. *Puther vessell.* Threttye peces of puther, iiij potten dyshes, iiij sawsers, 30s. iiij latten candelstickes, j littell salte, j paire of muster wheirnes, ij woode candelstickes, 3s. *Plaite.* One salte, parcell gilte, j cuppe, dooble gilte, vij silver spoones, 5*l.* 10s. *Lynninge.* Two doossing napkynes 12s. iiij paire of line sheittes 20s. v pillobers 5s. j pece of harden, of xx yeardes, 10s. iij taible clothes 10s. ij paire of blankettes 10s. ij cooverleddes 6s. 8d. ij table towells 5s. *Swyne.* One brawne, ij hogges, ij shottes, ij sowes 20s. 8d. *Pullane.* Seventeen hennes and ij cokes 6s. vij olde gheisse, ix yong gheise 8s. In plow-geare and wain-geare, in the floore house, 20s. *Corne in the grounde.* Fiftye fower dooble acres 110*l.* *In the staible.* Two bedsteades, with their furniture, 13s. 4d. ij hogsheades, j cheise presse, xv fir dailes, ix firre spares, j braike, 22s. 7d. *Barne geare.* Eleven corne sackes 13s. 4d. j windowe clothe, vj seaves and riddels, j leape, ij peckes, j busshel, and a skoottell, 10s. 8d. *Wayne-geare.* Fyve coope waynes, ij longe waynes, 40s. xvj draught yockes, gearde, iiij heade yockes, gearde, xvj yron somes, vj horsse harrowes, with yrone teithe, ij oxe harrowes, with yrone teithe, v plowes, iiij of them gearde, iiij cowters, iiij sockes, iiij boltes, iiij shakells, iiij yron forkes, iiij shoviles, iiij mowcke forkes, ij graipes, iiij spaides, iiij axes, j gayvlocke, j hacke, vj sithes, 5*l.* 10s. 5d. j paire of new bounde wheiles 3*l.* iij paire of olde bounde wheiles 4*l.* iiij paire of wonne wheiles 20s. xvj assell nailes 24s. viij lyne pinnes 2s. vj yrone rwnndes 2s. *Haswell.* Twelve dooble acres of corne 24*l.* *In the hall.* One drawe taible, with a fraime, j taible, ij foormes, j chaire, j pwlke, j cawell, j foorme for scells, j knope tubbe, xij keisers, iiij bords, j stand and j stoole, 36s. j yrone chymney, j paire of tonges, j pore, j paire of flesh crookes, j paire of jeibcrookes and ij racking crookes, 10s. *Bras vessell.* One cawdryne, ij kettells, iij pottes, ij panes, j skomer 33s. 4d. *In the butterye.* Two trogh stones 3s. 4d. xlviij cheises 13s. 4d. j morter and pestell 10s. iij silver spoones 10s. vj puther dishes, vj sawcers, vj pottin dishes, j salte, j drinkyne potte of puther, j chamber potte and viij shelves, 14s. j gantrey, ij kyrnes, j stande, j barrell, iij latten candelstickes, ix *(blank)*, and j cubborde, 11s. 8d. *In the parler.* One coobborde 26s. 8d. My master's bedde, with hangynes, ij featherbeds, j matteres, ij coverledes, j paire of blankettes, j bolster, j code, j paire of sheittes and ij pillobers, 4*l.* j bedsteade, ij coverlettes, ij blankettes, j

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paire of sheittes, j bolster, 10s. More, ij coverlettes, ij paire of blankettes, j bolster, ij codes, iiij whessheins and iij carpettes, 35s. j taible clothe, iiij napkynes, j hande towell and j teymes, 4s. 6d. *In the lofte over the hall.* One Flanders cheiste, iiij gads of yrone, j wharte sawe, viij tubbes, with other small thinges, 40s. *In the lofte over the parler.* Twelve yookes 5s. j shakell, j graipe, j mucke forke, with ij paire of horse geare and tressells to them, 2s. iij sawes, j bolte, j shakell, j cowter and ij rwnndes 12s. Wood vessell 3*l.* In the inner rooffe, so myche of one thing and other, 20s. In the utter rooffe lofte, certayne implementes, 10s. xxvij sheip skynes 13s. 6d. Of Robbyne's bedd, ij happines, j paire of blankettes, j paire of sheittes and j bolster, 6s. 8d. *Pullane.* One turkye coke, iiij turkye henes, vj yong turkyes, 13s. 4d. ij howsse cockes and xix henes 6s. 8d. One peycok and iij henes 5s. xxx cheikkynes 5s. *Barne geare.* Fyve seaves and riddells, ij scuttells, j leape, j windo clothe and j tube, 24s. *Cattell.* Tenne kye, with iij calves, 16*l.* 13s. 4d. iij whyes 4*l.* iiij stirckes 40s. xxviij lames 37s. 4d. lxv olde sheipe 9*l.* 15s. j meare, with a fole, 40s. j baye meare 33s. 4d. *Leasses.* The lease of Eden 140*l.* The lease of the farme that John Richardson dwells one 40*l.* The lease of our owne housse 10*l.* The lease of Norton 10*l.* *Corne.* Eleven bolls and ij peckes of massellgene 6*l.* 15s. xj bolles and ij peckes 7*l.* 8s. 4d.

Goodes at Newcastle, praised by Lionell Maddisone, Raffe Jennysone, John Gibson and William Grenewell, marchanntes, Nov. 28, 1587. *In the hall.* One cobborde 16s. j pulke 5s. ij wainskotte taibles, with ij foormes, 33s. 4d. j greatt counter 16s. ij reade velvett qwoossheines 8s. 4d. vj tapstre qwoossheines 13s. 4d. viij fwstinaples qwoossheynes 8s. iij greane carpettes 13s. 4d. j greane chaire 6s. 8d. v buffett stoiles 5s. vij buffett stoiles 12d. iiij Danske pottes 10s. j baseyne and a ewer 20s. j paire of virginalls 10s. j Bible and iiij Cronicles 20s. iiij other great bookes 13s. ij desks 6s. 8d. ij bounde coffers, for writinges, 10s. j spice coffer 12d. A clocke 20s. j yrone chymeye, with a pore, a paire of tonges and a yrone shovill, 40s. ij woolling curtynes, read and greane, 3s. 4d. j lookyne glasse 2s. *In the butterye.* Twelve latten candelstickes 16s. x puther candelstickes 16s. iiij pottell pottes and ij whawte pottes, of puther, 13s. 4d. iiij pynt pottes and ij gill pottes, of puther, 3s. 4d. iij vomitinge pottes, of puther, 3s. j doossyne rownde trenchers, and a doossen and a halfe 4d. ij egge dishes, of puther, 16d. j morter and a pestell 2s. 6d. ij paire candellsticke toppes 6d. j puther salte 4d. j puther butter dishe 8d. *In the newe parler.* One yrone chymneye, with a pore and a paire of tonges, 20s. ij pressers and ij sconces

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45s. j stooill of ease and ij chaires 7s. j paire of tables 12d. iij painted cooffers 5s. j drawe table 2s. 6d. *In the olde parler.* One presser and ij stande bedds 40s. The plaite cheiste and j deske 20s. vj chamber pottes, of puther, 6s. j backe stoole, of wainskott, 12d. iij fleers and v greane saye curtynes 26s. 8d. j yrone chymney, with a pore and a paire of tonges, 10s. *In the great chamber.* One great standing bedd 40s. j paire of fleers, with v curtynes, reid and greane, 10s. j presser and j ciprus chaire 40s. j fawden chaire, with fustinables, 5s. j littell turne chaire 8d. j longe table and a dresser 40s. iiij foormes and iiij greane stooles 12s. j bandytt cheist with yrone 20s. j Danske cheist 6s. j standeiche of yrone, for a basyn and a ewer, 5s. A yrone chymney, with a pore and tonges, 4s. *In the servantes chamber.* Two great pressers 40s. j closse bedd and a long settell bedd 16s. 8d. v Danske cheistes 31s. 8d. ij armores 3*l.* *All the bedding and the bed clothes.* Tenne featherbeddes 26*l.* 13s. 4d. ix bolsters 3*l.* 6s. 8d. viij matteres 53s. 4d. iij paire of blankettes, with read listes, 12s. vij blankettes, with graye listes, and iij blankettes, with blew, 26s. 8d. vij new coverleds 46s. 8d. v olde coverliddes 10s. ij whitte rugges and j blacke 30s. ij coollered rugges and j blew mántell 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j graye mantell 5s. j blew matteres 2s. xxj coddes 3*l.* 10s. ij downe beddes 13*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the rooffe lofte.* One great arke 6s. 8d. ij cheistes, wherin ys a hondrethe and a halfe of salte fishe, 6*l.* xxx stocke fishe 6s. 8d. iij busshells, for measuring of corne, 10s. ij spyninge wheiles, for wolle, 2s. ij side saddells 10s. ij doossyne pikes and speares 3*l.* iij bollis of bigg 21s. *In the kitchyne.* One closse coobborde 10s. j paistre borde 16d. j cawell and j salte barrell 2s. j stoole 12d. j yrone chymneye, with a por and tonges, 50s. iiij clames and j paire of rackes 20s. iiij long speittes and a birde speate 5s. vj bras pottes 40s. iiij skimers 2s. j chaffendish with a hoope 3s. 4d. ij bras laddells 2s. vij bras panes 46s. 8d. iiij woode potlydds 4d. ij bowed panes 2s. ij basyne panes 6s. 8d. ij copper kettells 30s. j great bras bowed pane 10s. vij bras panes 46s. 8d. j bras yetlinge 3s. 4d. ij great cawdrynes 40s. ij bras mellaine pottes 13s. 4d. j morter and a pestell 10s. j paire henge yrones 16d. ij paire of potclippes and j fleshcrooke 12d. j breade graite 8d. iiij pote hangers, j yrone gallowes and a peale 20s. j frieng panne and ij droppin pannes 10s. ij paire of jeibcrookes 12d. j cleaving knyff and ij litle ones 2s. j standinge yrone 2s. *Puther vessell in the kitchyne.* A custer plaite 12d. j great charger 18d. xiiij plaites and dishes 20s. vj olde sawcers 3s. j cullander and j basyne 4s. *Puther vessell in the presser in the parler.* Tenne flure pottes 5s. ij brode basynes, with a other, 7s. 6d. ij Danske

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pottes 4s. 4d. iij goblettes 18s. iij custer cooffynes 3s. iij pye plaittes 3s. j doossyne and a halffe of great plaiters 36s. vj dishes 6s. ij doossyne and a halffe of plaiters and disshes 45s. 6d. ij chairgers 5s. j doossyne and a halffe of holey plaiters and disssheys 18s. ij doossyne and iiij potten disshes 14s. ij doossyne and xj banketing disshes 20s. ij doossyne plaite trenshers 8s. xxj plaite trenshers 8s. j doossyne new sawcers 3s. xj great sawcers 5s. 6d. *Mr. Jennisone's apperrell.* Fyve fyne cloth gownes, faced with martyrens and velvett, 32*l.* iij grograine gownes 8*l.* j velvett jackett 6*l.* 13s. 4d. j black damaske jackett 53s. 4d. j black taffeta jackett 20s. j worsted jackett 10s. ij black clothe jackettes 33s. 4d. j blacke frees jackett 5s. ij black leather jeirkines 33s. 4d. ij satten dooblettes 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j rashe dooblett 10s. iiij worsted dooblettes 13s. 4d. iij paire of long britches 20s. ij paire of rownde britches 6s. 8d. *Tapstre in the presser in the greatt chamber.* Sixe great tapstre qwoossheines 3*l.* 6s. 8d. vj littell tapstre qwoossheynes 30s. vj new tapstre qwoossheynes 13s. 4d. j fyne tapstre coverin 6*l.* 13s. 4d. iiij coorse tapstre coverynes 6*l.* 13s. 4d. j fyne tapstre covering and ij curser 10*l.* iij tabstre carpett clothes 26*l.* 13s. 4d. ij tabstre dresser clothes 40s. j read silke qwoossheyne 10s. iij silke qwooshenes 10s. j silke coverin, lyned with furre, 3*l.* iiij silke fleers 40s. iiij silke curtynes and j fleer 4*l.* vj curtinges, of reade and greane saye, 53s. 4d. ij fleers, of read and greane saye, 13s. 4d. j fleer, of read saye, 4s. v greane curtinges, with a fleer and a teaster, 6*l.* j fustean blankett 13s. 4d. v curtinges, of tissew, and a fleer 6*l.* 13s. 4d. *In the lyttell cownting howsse within the great chamber.* Twelve gardining shoviles 12s. j morter and a pestell of martell stone 2s. ij bread graittes 2s. 6d j kytte with a coveringe and certaine bolls 3s. 4d. ij troghes 12d. *In the brew howsse.* One brew lead 4*l.* j maskefatte and a troghstone 20s. iiij other great tubbes and a kennyne 6s. 8d. *In the lynte lofte.* Twentye stones of lynt 3*l.* 6s. 8d. v batterye kettells 3*l.* 6s. 8d. ij bras pottes 20s. iiij mells, for brusinge of skrabbes, 6d. iiij lynt wheiles 10s. A birde caidge 12d. j caible and a hawser 33s. 4d. x riddells and seaves 20d. A wainskott chaire 3s. 4d. vj corves and iiij stanges 12d. vj skepps 12d. A bolle of ote-meale 6s. 8d. xij skoottells 2s. *In the pantrye and the wyne seller.* One hogshead of claritte wyne 5*l.* ij roundlettes of secke 6s. 8d. iiij skelves 2s. *In the shope.* Twoe cheistes 40s. ij weye skailes and theire balkes 10s. vj sewgar loffes 4*l.* Halfe a hundrethe weight of ginger 56s. ij doossyne pepper 4*l.* 16s. vj lbs of cloves 40s. j lb of mace 13s. 4d. xij lbs of rice 3s. ¼ lb of safferone 3s. 4d. xij lbs of synnamonnt comffettes 20s.

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For banketinges disshes, as socatte and sewgar trinkettes, 10s. vj lbs of awmondes 6s. Halffe a barrell of sewgar 5*l.* iiij bollis of seckareibe 20s. ij bolttes of canves 40s. *In the seller.* One leade with salte beiffe 6*l.* ij hogsheades of beiffe 5*l.* A hogshead of white venecar 40s. A hogshead of vergys 20s. A kitte with brawne 13s. 4d. One tearce of venecar 10s.

In the house in the Close. *In the closse in the cheise lofte.* Fiftye cheises 33s. 4d. c sheip skines 4*l.* vij firkines of butter 4*l.* 13s. 4d. j cradell of Normandeye glas 26s. 8d. xxij wispes of glas 20s. xx stones of woolle 4*l.* 10s. j bedstead 40s. ij great counters 3*l.* 6s. 8d. ccc clapbords 3*l.* iiij bolls of haver 20s. v skelves 3s. 4d. *In the long hay lofte.* Seventye stones of woolle 15*l.* 15s. j lairge wainskott cheist 20s. xxviij spruse dailes 56s. cc Norwaye dailes 7*l.* vj keill owres 20s. x bollis of otes 50s. j winding borde with iiij sparres 5s. In haye 3*l.* *In the kyll lofte.* One kile haire 13s. 4d. xj bushells of bigg malte 40s. *In the entrye.* One steape lead 5*l.* j tree 6s. 8d. j olde irone chymney 6s. 8d. viij assell trees 5s. j troghstone 10s. *In the maste howsse.* Fower barrells of tarre and iij barrells of pitch 46s. c wainskotte 13*l.* 6s. 8d. l cloving borde 26s. 8d. xxx clapbords 5s. xx eller sparres 2s. 6d. xij plankes 40s. j lairge maste 40s. vj lairge peces of Norwaye tymber 20s. Two hundrethe and a quarter weight 10s. *In the kyll howsse.* One great cawdryne 13s. 4d. j cawell, a bedstead and a stoole, 2s. 6d. *Coles of the sowth syde of Tyne at the pittes.* At Hagden pitte, vj tens, 6*l.* At the pittes at the Gelde's feilde yate, xlv tens, 45*l.* At Arnolde's pitte, xx tens, 24*l.* At Watsone's halff pitte, viij tens, 9*l.* 12s. At Winshope's pitte, xxx tenes, 36*l.* At Windshope's olde pitte, x tens, 12*l.* *Coles in Mony's feilde and Swallwell loning.* At Jacksone's pytte, xiij tenes, 21*l.* 13s. 4d. At Winshope's pitte, vij tens, 11*l.* 13s. 4d. At Sympsone's pitte, xvij tens, 28*l.* 6s. 8d. At Whelpden pitte, iiij tens, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. At the loninge pitte, iiij tens, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. At the pitte in the garths, vj tens, 9*l.* At the pitte in the sowth feilde, xxv tens, 37*l.* 10s. *Coles at Cocken.* All the coles ther 66*l.* 13s. 4d. Att Fitburne more, lxx tens, 80*l.* At the steath, iiij tens, 10*l.* *The keiles.* Thre keiles with furnyture 120*l.* ij leighters with furnyture 13*l.* 6s. 8d. *The napperye within the howsse at Newcastell.* One taible cloth, of damaske worke, 4*l.* ij table towells, of damaske worke, 40s. vij table napkynes, of damaske worke, 20s. v table clothes, of diaper work 5*l.* iiij diaper dresser clothes, 20s. v diaper towells 40s. iiij doossyne diaper napkynes 40s. xxj lyne tableclothes 4*l.* ij tableclothes, of callycowe cloth, 12s. vij table towells, of lyne, 20s. ij dresser clothes with black silke 20s. v hande

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towells 5s. ix doossyne and viij table napkynes 40s. ij lawne towells 2s. *In the cheist in the great chamber.* Eight paire of lyne sheittes 4*l.* iiij head sheittes 20s. j pillober, with a read syme, 10s. A towell, with Adam and Eve, 5s. ij towells, with crosses, 20d. vij pillobers, of a other sorte, 7s. ij pillobers, with a blacke silke, 5s. xv newe code pillobers 20s. xxx paire of curse sheittes 5*l.* A twilte 6s. 8d. A fyer pane 2s. 6d. Certaine puther pottes, glasses, trenshers and other howsolde stuffe, in a presser, 4*l.* *The plaite, giltyd.* Fower giltide goblettes and one cover, weing lxxxiiij unces and a quarter and half a quarter, and iij gilt saltes and ij coovers, weing lxxxiij unces, and j gilte potte, weing xij unces, and a garnysse abowte a potte, weing iiij unces, all this is praised at 6s. a unce, 57*l.* 12s. *The percell gilte plaite.* Fyve gooblettes and ij coovers, weing cxxix unces and a half, and iij salltes and ij coovers, weing liij unces, and j doossyne and ij spoones, weing xxij unces, at 5s. 6d. a unce, 51*l.* 12s. One white boll of silver and vij spoones, weing xix unces and a halffe, at 4s. 8d., 4*l.* 11s. *The leases of the colle myndes.* His part of a lease of the Crosse moore 250*l.* His parte of the grande leasse 1000*l.* The quarter parte of a leasse, within Gerra parishe, and a salte pane, 20*l.* A lease of hallfe a pitte of Fitburne moore 300*l.* His lease of Cocken coll mynd 100*l.* His parte of halffe a lease of Newbyggine colle mynde, with certaine colles above the grounde, 21*l.* His parte of a lease of the colle mynde of Holinside 13*l.* 6s. 8d. *The lease of Woodcrofte and others.* The lease of Woodcrofte 200*l.* His parte of a lease at Asdeacon's Newtone 13*l.* 6s. 8d. In consideracion of things forgotten, as howshold stuffe, and other parcells, 20*l.* *At Benwell.* Fower oxen and ij horses 8*l.* lx thraves of wheate 12*l.* lx thraves of haver 4*l.* His parte of a lease in Skottswoode 10*l.* *Certayne percelles in a cheist.* Thre peces of camerick 10*l.* iij peces of Hollin clothe 13*l.* 6s. 8d. ij doossyne martyren skynnes 8*l.* x yeardes of velvitt 12*l.* j pece of silke grograne 6*l.* 13s. 4d. iij silke frenges, sewin silke, stichine silke, billament laise, and fyne sewing skeane threid, and other certaine parcelles, 5*l.* *Debttes owinge.* Theire is debttes as I suppose 200*l.* Somme totall is 4259*l.* 1s. 10d. ✠

LXXV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ WEETWOOD.

Aug. 21, 1587. Thomas Wetwoode,* of Wetwoode, gentle-

* A Northumberland gentleman, of very meagre estate and means, as we may infer from his inventory. The present seems a favourable opportunity for recording the will of another gentleman, of the same stamp, and of the same parish, and I therefore print it. July 15, 1558. "Roberte Folberye, of Folberye, gentl-

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man, of the parishe of Chatton. To be buryed within my parishe churche, so nighe the place, where my father was buryed, as convenientlie maie be. To the poore of Chatton 13s. 4d. My will is, that Barbara Wetwoode, my wiffe, alias Barbarie Rodham, shall have all my landes, lyinge in the manner of Wetwoode, for xxj yeres, in as large a maner as I, my father, or anye my anncestors have had, in ther tymes, together with the manner howse, viz., the tower, with all other howsinges &c., to the same belonginge. Also I geve to the said Barbarie hir maintenance, and my two children, of hir begotten, for ther bringing upp, with three fermes, nowe in myne owne occupacion, within the towne of Wetwoode, with one water corne milne. To my sonne Alisander Wetworde, three halfe landes, duringe xxj yeres, without payinge anye rent, and I commit the government of him to my brother Hewghe Forster. I will that my brother Robert Wetewoode have those two farmes, wheron he nowe dwelleth, rent free, for xxj yeres. To Helene, daughter of John Forster, of Newham, 10*l.* To my daughter Mallie Wetewoode 16*l.* To my cosinge Elizabeth Marston, wife of Davie Maristone, iiij boules of corne, yearlie, duringe hir life, viz., j boule of wheat, j of rye, j of beare, and j of otes. The residue of all my goodes &c., to Barbarie Wetewoode, alias Barbarie Rodham, and Margarett Wetewoode, alias Rodham, my daughter, and that childe the said Barbarie is nowe withall, whiche three I make executors. I most humblie praie my lorde and maister, Sir John Forster, knight, lorde warden, and my worshipfull good frende, Thomas Forster, the elder, of Edderston, esq., to be supervisors.

Inv. Aug. 24, 1587. Sixtene oxen, price of eche 13s. 4d. iiij kien, price of eche 13s. 4d. xx yowes, xij lambes, price of everie yowe 2s. 6d., of everie lambe 14d. ij nagges 40s. Of wheate and rye, xl boules, price of eche boule 6s. 8d. xxx boules of beare, price of eche 3s. 4d. xxx boules of otes, price of eche 2s. *Insight with implements.* An almerie 13s. 4d. j table 5s. ij beddes and ther clothes 20s. ij long waines 20s. ij shorte waines 13s. 4d. ij ploughes with ther iorens 8s. Summa totalis 45*l.* 4d. ✠

man. To be bured in Chatton chansell. To Roger, my younger son, 40s., by yere, to bringe him up. To Alice, my daughter, 20s., by yere. To Raff Folburye, my brother, 26s., by yere, during his lyf, to be paid out of my purchased lande. I wyll that my wyfe Helynor shall have the manor of Folburye, and the demaynes thereunto belonginge, duringe hir wedohede, to bringe up my children. I maik Helenor, my wyfe, and my children, executors, and I maik the righte worshippfull Sir Thomas Graye, knight, my unkle John Folburye, of Holme, and Elexander Colingwod, supervisors. Debtes owinge by me, the said Roberte. To Sir Thomas Greye 40s. To Mastres Bedenell 3*l.* and more. To James Skottes son 26s. 8d. To Cuthberte Colingwod 20s. To Eddy Elderton 20s. To Allexander Colingwod 29s. To the vicare of Chatton 30s."

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LXXVI. TESTAMENTUM RADULPHI SUYRTEES.

The testament and last will of Radulfe Suyrteis,* written by John Welshe, minister of God's woorde, at Ovingham, the x of September, 1587.

Radulfe Suyrtees. My bodye to be buryed in the churcheyarde of Ovingham. To Jane Suyrteis, my eldest daughter, my fermale, with all my goodes &c., to mainteane the rest of my small children, and she to buylde the howses, and this she to do for the space of x yeres, and then to leave my said fermale to my eldest sonne and heyre. And at the end of the said x yeares, I make my executores Robert and Christofer Suyrties, my sonnes, and Jane, Agnes, Isabell, and Elizabeth Suyrties, my daughters. To Jane Suyrties, my daughter, a cotage house in Hedley-wood, nowe in occupation of wedow Eltrengham, and that only for her lyf tyme, payinge to my lord of Northumberland his right and dewties. I make supervisors Edwarde Swallwell, Rolande Suyrties, Arthur Lee, and Robert Franche.

Inv. Sept. 7, 1587. Fower oxen 4*l.* Horse and geare 20s. Insight geare 20s. Hay 13s. 4d. iij bolls of rye, souen, 15s. On quey sterk 4s. ij sheape 5s. On wayn and plewgh, and that perteaneth therto, 3s. 4d. Summe 8*l.* *The debtes that Radulfe Suyrties is owinge.* To Cuthbart Suyrties, for a nage, 22s. To Umphre Hopper 4s. To Arthur Lee a bushell of rye, and 2s. in money. To John Hyndmoors 2s. 6d. To Adrian Hedwarde, for a stone of lynt, 4s. 8d. To Thomas Daniell, for a stone of lynt, 4s. 8d. To William Dode 18d. To Rycharde Swynburne 12d. To Thomas Swynburne 12d. To Robert Peyrson, of Duraham, 7s. 4d. To Thomas Peyrson, of Pruddow, 1s. 11d. To Agnes Howat 6d. To Male Arthur 4d. To Mathew Togdon, 4s. 4d. For his arwell 13s. 9d. Summa 3*l.* 11s. 2d. ✠

LXXVII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ HALL.

May 3, 1586. Thomas Hall,* of the citie of Durham, draper.

* A farmer of the humblest kind. A branch of the great family of Surtees, which it is impossible to connect with the Dinsdale line, was settled from an early period in the district that lies between Derwent and Tyne. It flourished there, as far as numbers is concerned, and that, according to the Psalmist, is the greatest test of prosperity, and spread out in several families of yeoman gentry. From one of the stock, Edward Surtees, of Broadoak, par. of Ovingham, the historian of the county of Durham, and all the existing families of the name descend.

† Probably a son of Anthony Hall, alderman of Durham in 1576. Several members of the families of Hall of Flass, and Greencroft, were connected with trade in Durham, and all, like the testator, were of the draper's company.

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My bodye to be buryed within the churche of St. Nicholas, in Durham. To my sonne Robert 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To my daughter Annes 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To my sonne Robert a silver goblet. To my daughter Annes a silver pott, gilte. To my sonne Robert and my daughter Annes, equally to be parted betwixt them, xiij silver spowens. To my wyffe two goold ringes, lyinge in pawne of 12s. or 14s., at Yorke, and she to loose them and have them. To be delte to the poore, within the parishe of St. Nicholas, 3s. 4d. All the residue of my goodes &c., to my sonne Robert and Annes, my daughter, whome I make executors. Witnesses, Robert Smythe, Edward Hall and John Watson, clerk of the churche aforesaid. [Pr. Nov. 1, 1588.]

Inv. Twelve fromde cweshing 1*l.* ix poudder dubleres, xxxj and one half lbs, at 7d. a lb, 18s. 3d. iiij poudder desses 4s. 8d. j poudder basen and uer 6s. 8d. j poudder basen 1s. 4d. j latten basen 1s. iij tene bottelles 7s. 6d. iiij tene pottes 1s. 4d. j lattene candellsteke 1s. j salte caller 6d. j frame table 10s. j table clothe 2s. 6d. j buffette stoulle 10d. j chare 6d. j corded bayde and j borded bayde 10s. j pare of tables 1s. 4d. j pare of tonges 2s. 4d. j rackinge crooke 1s. j glase chages 8d. iij glases 6d. j coubbarte 13s. 4d. *In the hyeste chambere.* Two olde bayde-stedes 2s. 4d. iij standinge baydes, iij testeres and iij pare of covringes, 1*l.* 11s. iij father-baydes, ij mattres and iij bolsteres, 2*l.* 15s. 4d. ij double cousvering 1*l.* 4s. iiij blankedes 5s. 4d. iij sengell cousvering 1*l.* 16s. iij cousverledes 3s. 4d. j prasser 16s. j counter and a counter clothe 6s. 8d. j reade cheste 2s. j conter cheste 2s. 4d. j furme 6d. j pare of tonges 6d. j olde cloke bagge 2s. 6d. iiij coddes 5s. v harden chetes 7s. 6d. j speare 6d. j stoulle and a frame 4d. The olde hanginge 2s. 6d. ij stande baydes and bolsteres 12s. ij mattres and one olde teke 5s. j olde cunter 4s. j coubbarte 2s. ij olde hanginges 1s. 6d. j olde malinge corde 4d. Two cyne 4*l.* Gaydye and the blacke nayge 4*l.* The baye horse and baye mere 3*l.* The ij graye horse and graye meare 4*l.* *In the fore house.* An iron chemlye 6s. 8d. ij pare of grette rakes 13s. 4d. iiij spetes 3s. j rakinge crouke 1s. ij chares 1s. 8d. j cubbarte and a cubberte clothe 4s. ij furmes 1s. j olde drusinge borde 1s. iij brasse pottes 8s. iij pannes 3s. 4d. j posnette 2s. 6d. j brullinge irone and fyinge pane 1s. 8d. j brasinge morter and pastelle 2s. 6d. x pottengeres 5s. vj plattes 1s. 6d. viij saseres 1s. 4d. j tostinge iren 2d. j candellsteke and a salte 4d. j halbarte and a bille, ij leaden malles and a peche forke, 4s. j pattelle stayfe and iij moldye rakes 6d. ij dusone tranchares 3d. iij stone cruses 8d. j workinge frame 4d. j salte kete 2d. iij glases 3d. ij skelles 8d. j kette 6d. iij

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caynes 6d. j brake and brake tonnge 8d. vj deses and dubleres 5s. j cubbarte 3s. 4d. ij flaketes 8d. j basen, a brouse and a gratte, 2s. 2d. xiiij silver sponnes and j goblate 6*l.* 10s. ij dyper borde-clothes 10s. v dyper napkynges 2s. 6d. j dyper towelle 1s. 6d. iiij lying napkins 1s. 4d. ij pare of lying chetes 13s. 4d. xj pelleveres 12s. v strakinge chetes 6s. 8d. ij lyninge toules 8d. v pare of harden chetes 15s. j cap-kes 1s. viij tene sponnes 4d. vj chestes 13s. 4d. j cubbarte 5s. j borded chare 2s. j prustuye chare 1s. j olde casked 1s. ij chamber pottes 2s. j corded bedstede 2s. 8d. j mattres, a bolster and a code, 6s. 8d. ij hapinges 4s. ij deskes 1s. 8d. j pented borde 8d. iiij hande touelles 2s. j olde table clothe and ij harden towelles 8d. ij gounes, with all his apparell, 6*l.* iij bayde-stokes 3s. 4d. ij churnes and a churne staffe 1s. 2d. j brasen pane 5s. iij harynge barelles 9d. j old irene cettelle bande 6s. j old broilinge laydelle 2d. iiij newe sakes 4s. 8d. v pokes 1s. 8d. iiij stone of lyne 1*l.* xvj poundes of towe 2s. 8d. iij twistes of candelle weke 5d. iij hare tatheres 6d. iij melke boulles 6d. ij bedstedes 2s. ij coufverledes 2s. ij pare of chetes 3s. j mattres 2s. iij happinges 4s. j couverlede 1s. j olde cunter 1s. vj barelles 3s. j guylefaytte 6d. j stande 6d. j cayedrone 12s. ij layfinge toubes 8d. ij knoke toubes 8d. Olde irene 1s. j cunter and cheste 1*l.* j brake stoulle 4d. j rakinge cruke 8d. j cunter 1s. ij skappes and ij swelles 2d. j cauell and a cubbarte 2s. 6d. j carte 5s. iij loges of woude 18s. A some, a culter and ij hupes, 2s. 6d. xxx yeardes of harden 17s. 6d. xj yeardes and a halfe of sacke-webe 5s. 4d. xiiij dosen buttones 7d. iij hankes and iiij cloves of yarne 1s. 8d. Some ys all 112*l.* 4s. 10d. *A note of all the clothe.* Twelve yds. of selke russed 2*l.* 3s. 4d. viij yds. and a quarter of golde, in bokes, att 6s. a yd., 2*l.* 9s. 6d. xij yds. of fazante couller 2*l.* 13s. 4d. j yd. and ½ of browne blowe 11s. iij yds. and ½ of brode graye 8s. ij yds. and ½ of brode skye couller 12s. xij yds. of selke russed 2*l.* ix yds. of brode sheppes couller, 3*l.* 12s. iiij yds. of brode grene 1*l.* 8s. j yd. and ½ of course graye 4s. iij yds. of brode reade 15s. xij yds. of baggeres graye 2*l.* vij yds. and ½ of sayde couller 1*l.* 10s. 1 yd. and ¾ of ratte couller 5s. 10d. 3 yds. and ¼ of grenelye couller 9s. 9d. One half yarde of morrue 1s. 4d. One halfe yarde of genger couller 1s. 4d. xv yds. and ¾ of skye carcye 1*l.* 3s. 7d. vj yds. and ½ of tanye carcye 1*l.* 2s. 9d. iiij yds. of grene carcye 13s. 4d. ix yds. of yeallowe carcye 1*l.* 7s. 9d. ij yds. of blowe cotton 1s. 4d. vj yds. of freres graye 16s. vj yds. and ¾ of chake 10s. 1d. vj yds. and ½ of russed carcye 9s. 9d. vij yds. of graye carcye 8s. 2d. viij yds. and ½ of brode graye 2*l.* 6s. 8d. One quarter of melke and water 8d. xxxix

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yds. of black frese 1*l.* 2s. 9d. iij yds. of freseadye 7s. lxiij yds. of graye frese 1*l.* 12s. xxvij yds. of whitte cotton 10s. iij yds and ¾ of ronge 2s. 3d. iiij yds. of yeallowe cotton 2s. 6d. ij yds. of blacke cotton 8d. Some 51*l.* 17s. 9d. ✠

LXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ FORSTER DE EDDERSTON.

April 4, 1589. Thomas Forster,* of Edderstonn, esquyer. My bodye to be bureed in the quere of Bameburghe. I do make Mathew Forster, base-begotten sonne to Thomas Forster, late deceissit, my full and sole executor, and my brother Sir Johne Forster, knyght,† lord warden of the middle marches of England, foranenst Scotland, Mr. Nicholas Forster, base-begotten sonne to the said Sir Johne Forster, and Hewghe Forster, my base-begotten sonne, superviseris. I geve to Mathew Forster, base-begotten sonne to Thomas Forster, late deceased, Edderstonn east hall, and the maynis thairoff, with all thinges thairto belonging. The west hall of Edderston, Newland, Wairnedan, Croklaw, Newtonn off the moorre, Osgars, Duthols, Carhame

* The testator was the chief of one of the most numerous of the border clans. The morality of the family seems to have been at a very low ebb, and it is not difficult to account for the number of Forsters, in Bamboroughshire, without having regard to the legitimate issue of his great grandfather, who is said to have numbered twenty-two sons among his children. The will may truly be called a base one. The testator, who was sheriff of Northumberland 6 and 14 of Eliz., was the eldest son of Sir Thomas Forster, knight, marshal of Berwick, by Dorothy, daughter of Robert, lord Ogle. He married Florence, sister of Thomas, lord Wharton, and left by her two sons and two daughters. His eldest son, Thomas, whose will is printed in this volume, pre-deceased him, and from him was descended Thomas Forster, the rebel general in 1715.

The testator's brother Reginald, who married Clara, daughter of William Swinburne, of Capheaton, esq., made his will Nov. 18, 1565. "Ranold Forster, of Capheaton, gentleman." His sister, lady Dorothy Carnaby, has a grant from him of the tithe corn of Hexham, Fallofielde, Fourestones, the Newbrough and Kepycke, which was leased to him by Sir Ralfe Sadler, knight. If she die before the expiration of the lease, he gives it to his daughters, Margaret and Dorothy Forster. To Clara, his wife, his lease of Cholertone, Gunnertone, Colwell, and Allerwashe, for her life. His brother-in-law Cuthbert Carnabye. To his nephew, John, son of his brother, Thomas Forster, his lease of lands in Bartone, which he had of Sir Reginald Carnabye, knight, deceased. Thomas Swynborne to marry Margaret, daughter of his brother Thomas. The marriage contract between William, son of Robert Lawson, of Rock, esq., and his daughter Margaret, to remain in effect. His loving brethren, Sir John Forster, knight, Thomas Forster, of Ederston, esq., Roland Forster, of Wark, gentleman, George Heron, of Chipchase, esq., and William Lawson, of Washington, gentleman, supervisors. He has goods belonging to the children of William Swinborne, which William Carnabye gave them. He owes Cuthbert Carnabye, for a chain of gold, 26*l.* He owes the jackmaker 5s.

† A man of great note upon the borders, for thirty-nine years warden of the middle marches. He married Jane, daughter of Cuthbert Ratcliffe, esq., and widow of Cuthbert, lord Ogle, and died in 1602, leaving two legitimate daughters.

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toun, with the mains thairof, the toun and teithe of Carhame, and the teith of Wark, I geve to the said Matthew Forster, and to his hairis male, lawfullie begottin. I geve to Cuthbert Forster, my sonne, Spindilstoun maynis, with the mylne, the teith of Mendrom, my houssis in Berwick, my landes of Hethepoole, and the teithe of Lairmouthe, on this side of the burne, to the said Cuthbert Forster, and to his two sonnes, Thomas Forster and Samuel Forster, and to the longar levar of them. I geve to Heughe Forster, my base-begottin sone, the teith corne, schevis, and hay of Monelawes, within the countie of Northumberland, the teith corne, schevis, of the demaynis of Warke, the teith corne, schevis of Learmouth mainis, together with the teith corne and schevis of the east syde of Warkis hawghe, comenlie called Cornewell hawghe, within the countie aforesaid, which be compositionn betwix my nephew Sir Thomas Gray, knyght, and now in the occupatione and use of the said Sir Thomas Gray, in consideratione of a tenement, called the Hag house, in the countie aforesaid, now in my occupatione, be reason of the same compositione, to have and to hould unto my base-begotten sonne Hewghe Forster, Johne Forster, of Newham, sonne to Johnne Forster, of Newham, late deceased, and to Arthur Forster, sone to Raphe Forster, my base-begottin sonne, during the lyvis naturall of the saidis Hewghe, Johnne and Arthure, and the langar lever of thaime, paying yearlie, for the same, to me, my hearis &c., the awncient rent, heartofoir dew and accustomede. I geve to Hewghe Forster, my base-begottin sonne, all the corne, cattelis and uther th'appertinantis, in and uponn the said house, or whiche sall appertene and remayne unto me, be vertew of one deid maid and sealled by me, bering dait the xxiiij of Februarye, in the threttie one year of the Quene's hyghnes that now is. I geve to the said Hewghe Forster the teith lamb, woll, fysching of Carhame, and the teith fische of Wark, to the said Hewghe, Johnne and Arthure Forster, and to the langar levor of them. I geve the said Hewghe my hous in Newcastill, whiche I had in morgage of Thomas Ildertone, of the Langhawgh, to the said Hewghe, and to his hearis, for ever. I geve to the said Hewghe, my base-begottin sonne, 100*l.*, whiche Sir Thomas Gray, knyght, did borrow of me. Moreover I geve to the said Hewgh 10*l.*, in Parsyphell Schiphearde's hand, whiche shuld have beine payed to me at Easter gone one year. I giff to Hewghe, Raphe, George and Johne Forster, all my ryght, tytle and entrest of the towne of Owlechester, during the yearis of my lease, paying therfor yearlie to Johne Sorsley, of Owlechester, xl mearkis. I give to Hewghe, Raphe, George and Johnne Forster, all the corne and cattells, with uther

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th'appertinences, to me now appertynyng and remaynyng, in and upon the said towne of Owlechester. I give to Raphe Forster, of Edderston, my base-begottin sonne, 140*l.* 8s., whiche Thomas Shotten, of the towne of Berwick, was owing to me, for one bargan of woll, as shall appear by the obligatione, wherein the said Thomas Shotten byndeth himself, with two sufficient souerties, as William Wallace of Aykald, and James Wallace, of Coupland, yeomen, within the said countie. I gyve to Annas Stevinsonn, and to Johne and George Forster, my base-begottin sones, one partiall of land, lying in the feildis of Spindilstone, now in the tenor and occupatione of Bartrame Swane, together with St. Johne land, during the longar lever of Annas Stevonisone, Johne and George Forster. Also I geve to the said Annas Stevinsonn, Johnne and George Forster, my base-begotten sonnes, all my ryght, tytle &c., of my glybe land, in Howtell, during the longar lever of them, now in the tenor of William Burrell, paying therfor, yearlye, to the minister of Carham, 6s. 8d. I give to George Forster, my base-begottin sonne, my glebe land in Learmouth, now in the tenor of Johne Moore, for xxj yeares, yealdinge and paying therfoor, yearlie, to the minister of Carham, 12s. I give to Johne Forster, of Newham, sonne to Johne Forster, of Newham, lait deceased, my teith corne and schevis of Preston, for xxj yearis, in reversionn, after Sanderis Clarke lease be expyrit, now in the tenor of the saidis Sanderis Clarke, paying therfoor, yearlie, to the minister of Carham, the accustomed rent. I geve to George Forster, base-begottin sone to Roland Forster, my brother, all my ryght &c., of my teith corne, schevis and hay of Downham, for xxj yearis, now in the tenor of Luke Ogill, gentleman, paying therfore, yerelie, to the minister of Carham, 10s. I give to Peter Forster, base-begottin sone to Roland Forster, my brother, two half landis, lying in the feildis of Carham, for xxj yearis, th'one half land now in the tenour of Edward Eward, th'other half land in the occupatione of Thomas Sansonn, paying therefore, yearlie, the accustomed rentt, together with all my ryght of the bealieship of Carham, to him and to his hearis for evir. I give to Johne Lyll, my servand, one tenement or farmehold, lying in the towne and feildis of Newtonn of the moore, for xxj yearis, paying therfore, yearlie, to the sons of Adderstonn, the accustomed rent. I give to Raphe Ewart, my sone-in-law, and to Mathew Ewart and Sanders Ewart, his sons, the bealieship of Carhame, and the farmeholde that he is now in, without any rent paying, during the longar lever of the saide Raphe, Mathew, and Sanderis Ewart, together with the teith of the Wall peate. Moreover I giff to the said Raphe Ewart my glebe land in

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Haderislaw, for the term of xxj yearis. I give to the said John Lyll my glib land in Aykeld, for xxj yearis, paying therfore, yearlie, to the minister of Carhame, 6s. 8d. I give to maistres Isabell, lait wyfe to Thomas Forster, my sonne, deceassed, two tenementes, lying on the baksyde of the hous, whiche the said Isabell now dwelleth in, for xxj yearis, to bring up the said Thomas Foster's childryng withall, together with the teith corne of Edderstone towne, when God doth call upon me, duryng the mynoritie of Mathew Forster, base-begottin sone to Thomas Forster. I give to James Jobsonn, my servantt, thre buttes or rigges of land, lying on the south syde of the towne, now in the occupatione of Patrick Darling, for xxj yearis, paying therfore, yearlie, 6d., yf it be demanded. In witness hereoff, I, the said Thomas Forster, have hereunto set to my hand and seall, the fyrst of Aprill, in the threttie-one year of the quein's magistie that now is, before these witnesses, Robertt Rodam,* of Lytle Hawghtonne, gentleman, Henrye Swynho, of Burtone, Cuthbert Forster, of Charelton, Raphe Humble, of Yessingtone, Richard Younghusband, of Budle, Johnne Moortone, of Yessingtone, Thomas Dors, of Lucker, and Patrick Broock, clarke. I give to Elizabeth Ourd, daughter to Roland Forster, my brother, cxx ewes and lames, and x kyne, and referre hir to my brother, Sir John Forster's consideracione, before Ralph Forster, James Jobson and Agnes Stevenson, and Edward Dicson.

Furthermore, I do give to Sir Johne Forster, knyght, lord warden of the middle marches, Mr. Nycholas Forster, the reputed sone to the said Sir Johnne Forster, and also Hewghe Forster, my reputed sone, being the superviseris of this my will, the whole two partes of all the demains of Edderstone, East hall, West hall, Osgars, Newtonn in the Moore, Crocklaw, Wairnedane, Newland, with the demayne of Carhame, the teith of Carhame, and the teith of Wark, with th'appertinentis therunto belonging, during the mynoritie of Mathew Forster, the reputed sone of my sone Thomas Forster deceassed, provided that the said superviseris shalbe accountable to the said Mathew Forster, when he cometh to foole age. Signed &c., in presens of Cuthbert Forster, Raphe Forster, Johne Lowder, Edward Dicksonne, Robert Archer, Thomas Sandersone, Robert Moore, Edward Younghusband, Johnne Hall, George Chandler, Patrick Broock, clerk, and John Lile. And the same acknowledged in the presence of Sir John Forster, knight.

* The Roddams of Roddam were a very ancient Northumbrian family. Their perpetuity was promised in the old saw:

> "Whilst sheep bear wool and cows bear hair,
> Roddam of Roddam for ever mair."

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LXXIX. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI BRICKWELL, DE DERLINGTON, GENEROSI.

Jan. 7, 1589-90. Henrie Brickwell,* executor to Thomas Brickwell, mye uncle, now in mye extremitie of sicknes. To my kinsman Richard Brickwell xx nobles. The residew of my goods &c., to my wife, Jane Brickwell, whom I make executrix. Witnesses, George Frevill, Roger Jefforde, John Orpeth, Richard Scriven.

Inv. Feb. 4, 1589-90. *In the dyninge parlure.* A presse and a cupbord of wainscott 26s. 8d. In the same presse, one carpett of grene brode-cloth, and one carpett of darnex, 25s. Certaine books 3*l.* One table, with a frame, and vj joyned stooles, and a little side borde, and ij chayers, 36s. 8d. Certaine drinkinge glasses and bottels 3s. 4d. iiij cupbord carpitts and xv cushions 22s. A longe table, with a frame, 5s. ij desks, for books, 3s. A compleat armour 20s. iij flasks 6s. 6d. Painted clothes, of anticke worke, 13s. 4d. One iron chimney, j fier shovell, j paire of tongs, and fier poerr, 5s. *In the haull.* A longe table, with a frame, a longe settle, an old chest, a skryne, ij iron hearthes, ij spinninge wheels, and a frame, 16s. *In the butterie.* Fower candlestickes, v pewter pottes, and ij pewder salts, 11s. A buttri bord, ij kyttes, a platte baskett, ij bottles, one great jugge, and a bread brake, 10s. A little coffer chist, and in the same, certaine silver platte, as followeth, first, a silver cupp, with a cover, a little silver salt, a goblet, and ten sponnes, 6*l.* ij boxes, with two dosen gilded trenchers, and iiij servetors, 3s. xv table napkings, ij cupbord clothes, iij table clothes, viij hand towels, with the chist that they be in, 20s. One leede, iij little tubbes, vj beare barrels and a little stand, 23s. *In the panterie.* A table, iiij shelves, ij bowlls, j chearne, j little kytte, a great treyene dubler, ij chessfates, j custard mowld, of pewter, 6s. 8d. *In the kytchine.* Fyve brasse pottes, a little skelle, a fryinge pane, and a scommer, 40s. ij iron racks, v spittes, iij paire of pot-hooks, iij reeking crooks, j girdiron, j dripping pane, j fireshole, j poer, j axe, 15s. One dressing bord, j shelf, ij trays, ij hand peals, j grater, ij chopping knyves, a brasen morter, j kneadinge troughe, with a cover, j choppinge bord, and one little watter kitt, 10s. xvij peaces of peuter, as plattes, dishes, sawcers, pottes, basens, 5s. One iron chimney, j broyling iron, ij basting laddles, j pare of tonges, j fier shovell, and iiij old bords, 10s. *In the brewhouse.* One cawthrene, and j little kettle, 10s. vij tubes, and j cheese press,

* The will of his uncle, Thomas Brickwell, of Berwick, esq., is printed p. 127.

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10s. *In the chamber over the brewhouse.* One certaine old lead, a syde saddle, a pillion, ij spinning wheales, and an old frame for a table, with certaine old wood, 20s. *In the chamber over the kytchin.* One standinge bed, with the furniture to the same, 3*l.* 10s. j chest of chessnot tree 6s. 8d. j presse, with certaine implementes, a looking glasse, 10s. j table presse, and a little box, 7s. The vallands of a bed, of crimson satton, with a fringe of silk and gold, 40s. The covering for a stoole, of crimson stamell, embroydered, 20s. j longe cussion, of stamall, embroydered, 30s. j longe cushion, of crimson wrought velvit, 13s. 4d. A remnant of blew brod-cloth 3*l.* j fyrr chiste, and a truncke, 20s. A still, a stool, 6s. 8d. The hanginges of darnex in the same chamber 20s. A litle coffer, with implementes, and a foot planck, for the chimney, 14d. *In the litle antree chamber.* One iron bounde chist, with certaine pewder therein, first, ij chardgers, a great platter, a basen and ewer, j coolander, and iiij other platters, 24s. ij plaites, iiij pewder candlesticks, j salt seller, j laver, ij gallen pottes, and two flower pottes, 15s. j dozen of pewder plaits 8s. iiij pewder platters 6s. 8d. viij pewder dishes 3s. xiiij bancquettinge dishes, and xiij saucers, 11s. 4d. viij other small disshes, and one pottendeshen, 6s. Item, one other litle chiest, and one candle plate, of brasse, xij d. *In the chamber called the greate chamber.* One iron bound chist, with his own apparell, 7*l.* j other iron bounde chist, and ij blacke truncks, 20s. A litle chist, and iij litle boxes, 3s. 4d. A court cubbord, with a carpett to the same, 5s. ij chaires and j stoole, wrought with needle, 20s. j longe table cloth, of damask, a square table cloth, a cupbord cloth, a towell, of damask, and x napkins, 3*l.* 10s. A joyned bedd, with a coveringe and other furniture for it, 4*l.* The hangings of darnix in the same chamber 20s. vij holland sheetes 40s. vj diaper table cloths, j diaper towell, and one dozen of napkins, 3*l.* 10s. One dozen of Flannders diaper napkins 10s. Halfe a dozen of course diaper napkins 3s. One dozen and viij napkins of Normandie canvesse 11s. ij longe towells and iiij short towells 7s. iij pilloberes 8s. A fether-bedd tick and a bolster 20s. ij paire of course sheets, and j fyner sheet, a pillowbere, and a table clothe, 10s. iiij litle iron barres, in the chimney of the same chamber, 7d. *In his owen chamber.* The hangings of dornix 26s. 8d. j iron bound chist and a trunck, j Flannders chist, and ij litle chists, 24s. ij green chaires and j litle rounde table, j matt chaire, a halbert, a battle-ax, j iron chimney, j porre, and j plaitte candlestick, 15s. The vallends of a bedd, of needlework, and ij cushens of the same, 20s. *In the chamber over the buttrie.* One standinge bed, with the furniture, 33s. 4d. j trundle

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bedd, ij chistes and a litle chaire, 5s. 6d. *In the garrett over the same chamber.* Servants bedds, with the furniture, 6s. 8d. *In a back chamber.* Certaine implements, as bottles, erthen pottes, and such like, 6s. 8d. j trundle bedd 3s. *In the stable.* One stoned horse, ij mares, a nagge, and a yonge fole, 8*l.* iij kyne, and one yonge cowe, 4*l.* The things belongs to the stable, as packsaddles and such like, 10s. *In the garth in the backsyde.* One pece of a haie stack 40s. The pultrie, as turkes, hennes, geese, duckes, and j peacock and peahenne, 20s. *In the barne.* All the corne and strawe that is thresshed, as wheat, rie, bigge, haver, beanes, pease, scuttles, syves, shovells, forks, rakes, window clothes, flailes, and sacks, 8*l.* j litle iron bound carte 10s. All other odd implements valued to 10s. Summa totalis 107*l.* 8s. ✠

LXXX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS SALTONSTALL.

March 31, 1590. John Saltonstall,* of the town of Barwick-upon-Twede, pencyener. I geve all my housses and landes, in Hallyffax, unto my sone Mark,† and to his heirs for ever. To my sone Ellyas the house in the Wester lane, wherein he nowe dwelleth. My house in Barwick, wherein I nowe dwell, to my sone Essdras. My house adjoining to the Briggatte, in Berwick, to my sone Stevin. To my fower sones Ellyas, Fernando, Esdras, and Stevin, 10*l.* a pece yerely, during their lives, to be payd within the towne of Hallyffax, onllye upon Mydsomer daye, by my executore. I will that my sone Ellyas shall receive yerely of my mane Smyth and his assignes, duringe the tyme of my lease of the tenentes in Chesswick, fower boulls of wheat, fower boulls of beare, and the same of ottes, and Smyth to be tenant before any other, payeinge well his rentes,

* A soldier of the garrison of Berwick. His descendants were settled there, as tradesmen, until the end of the following century. His wife's will is dated Oct. 16, 1604, and was proved June 22, 1605. "Grace Salstonstall, of Berwicke, wedowe. To Richard, son to my sone Elyas, 9*l.* To my three sones, Elyas, Fernando, and Stevin, a pesse of golde each. My sone Marke sole executor."

† He was a merchant and alderman of Berwick. His will was made July 14, 1631, and proved in 1633. He leaves to Richard Saltonstall, his brother Elias' son, all his lands at Halifax, and his house in Berwick. To his nephew Mark, his brother Stevin's son, two houses in Berwick, his right in the mill of Ancroft, and 100*l.* To his nieces, Marie Hope, Elenor Knape, and Grace Saltonstall, daughters of his said brother Stevin, 50*l.* each. To his niece Elenor Gunter, 10*l.* per annum. To his niece Isabell Sheill, widow, his brother Ferdinando's daughter, 40*l.* To his niece Elizabeth, late wife of Cuthbert Armorer, and her three children, 5*l.* a piece. He mentions his niece Grace Croutch, William Hope, his neice, Mary Hope's son, and Susan Warrener, his late wife's kinswoman. He makes his nephew, John Saltonstal, executor, and gives to his daughter Elizabeth, born of his first wife, his land in Northfolk.

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and thesse boulls of corne. To my sone Ellyas, his boye and his dawghters, to eyther of them 20*l.* To my sone Drewry's two daughters, to either of them 20*l.* I wyll that my executore shall, within two yeres next after my decease, and att the discrecion of my good frendes, John Wattman and William Keinge, and my brother Thomas Oldffelde, destribute 60*l.* unto and amongste such honeste persons, or their most nedfful children and wyves, within Hallyffax vickeredge, as I did owe any theinge unto, whene I dyd leave that contrye, nottwythstandinge thatt I dyd agre wyth theme. And whereas my cossen, Gylbart Saltonstall, hath a byll of myne, yt ys well payd by two horsses he had of myne, with their furnyture, the one-half thereof, and the other half thereof I dyd paye to one Newmane, that maryed my cossen, Grace Saltonstall, who came to me at Barwick. To John Grey, of Dodengton, 20s. I forgyeve my man Smyth half that he oweth me. I wyll thatt Sir John Selbye shall have 10*l.* deducted of his recknenge, as it standes in my grosse book, apeareante in leaffe the tenthe and leaffe 96, and I heartily praye his worshipp, thatt he wyll pay thatt greatt some, which I have layde forthe, to the honneste porre men, his porre porters, which I have lyne so longe forths of, to his greate credytte, and my greatt loss and henderance, and as I have beine both trustye and frendlye, to my power, in all his causses and service, so I praye his worshipp to stande good frend to my executore. To Sir John Selbye an old ryall. I wyll that my executor shall provyde one fayre carpett of brod-cloth, of decente collore, for the comunyone table of this towne, to be used uyon the Saboath dayes. I make my sone Marke sole executore, and Sir John Selbye, knight, Robart Jackson, alderman, my brother William Saltonstall,* Henry Bell, and John Parker, supervisors. And I ordayne that yf any of my fowre sones do shewe themselves obstynate or repugnante, and that theye wyll nott be advyssed and followe my sone Mark's and Drewry's counsell, that then all of theime, that shall so ronne contrarye, shall have no anewtie of their yeare payment of 10*l.*, for I feare me thatt they wyll nott followe my sayd two sonnes' counsell, that nevere wold followe myne. To the porre of Barwick 3*l.* To the porre in Twedmouth and the Spyttle 40s. To Sir William *(blank)*† a golden earpick. To my foure laste supervysores one angell a pece.

* His will was made Sep. 2, 1591. He describes himself as of Berwick, pensioner. He mentions his wife Elizabeth, his children Henry and Joyce, and his cousin Mark Saltonstall. His wife's will is dated Feb. 19, 1596-7. "Elizabeth Saltonshall, of Berwicke, wedowe. My burgage in Crossgate to Agnes, the second dowghter of my brother, Gilbert Robinson."

† A portion of the will has been torn away at this place.

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LXXXI. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ GRAY, MILITIS.

Dec. 20, 1589. Sir Thomas Graye,* of Chillingham, in the countye of Northumberland, knight. To be buryed in the churche of Chillingham, within the tombe, wheer other of my auncestors doo lye. To the repayring of the quier of my parishe churche 10*l.* To the poore, dwellinge upon my landes, 6*l.* 13s. 4d., and fortye boolis of beare, oute of Kyllam, to be distributed by my wyfe and my brother Raphe Graye. To the ladye Katherin, my wiefe, my leases of the tithe corne and sheaves of Doddington and Nesbett, she payinge the queen's rent for the same, and lx draught oxen, viz., xx att Doddington, xx att Fenton, and xx att Ancroft. Allso I geve unto her my mannsion house or castle of Chillingham, with the demeanes, tythes and rents of Chillingham, during her wyddowhead, (and if she doo dwell and contynew in this countrye,) and then to return to my brother Raphe Gray, as follower. And my wyll is, that all suche leases, as I have geven her, by this my testamente, shall, after her decease, returne to myne heire, accordinge to suche covenantes, as are sett downe, by indenture, betwixt the ladye Katherin Constable† and me, bearing date the 27th of Aprill, 27 Eliz. Also I geve unto my said wife all my household stuffe, my plaite excepted. To the ladye Anne Nevell, my sister-in-lawe, cc markes, to be paied by Sir Henrye Constable, which he oweth me for my wyfe, by his father's gyfte. To my brother Raphe, my leases of the tythe corne sheaves of Chillingham, (after the foresaide gyfte geven unto my wyfe,) and also the tythe corne &c., of the New Towne, within the parishe of Chillingham, and of the twoo Myddletons, within the parishe of Ilderton, and the lease of Elwick, with xx oxen therr, also my baye stoned horse. To my brother Edward, for the tearme of xxj yeares, or for his lyfe, att his choyse, the townes of Myndrum and Kyllam, and also th'east fields of Killam and the Haghouse. To my brother Henrye, for xxj yeares, or for the lyves of hym and his sonne Thomas Graye, all my demeanes, and the myll, of Heeton. To my brother Roger all suche landes &c., in Doddington, as

* The head of the ancient and distinguished house of Grey. He was the eldest son of Sir Ralph Grey, of Chillingham, knight, by Isabel, daughter and co-heir of Sir Thomas Grey, of Horton, knight. He was privately married, Nov. 7, 1585, at Battersby manor house, co. York, to Katherine, daughter of Charles, the last and unfortunate Earl of Westmoreland. He was sheriff of Northumberland in 1574, but took no great part in public affairs. He died April 9, 1590, leaving no issue. The will of his mother is printed p. 49.

† The wife of Sir John Constable, of Kirkby Knowle, co. York, and daughter of Henry, fifth Earl of Westmoreland, whose will begins this volume. Some extracts from her will are given in a note, p. 6.

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he or his assignes have now in occupacion, and the east demeanes of Wark, also the tythe corne of Roseden, in the parishe of Ilderton. To my brother Arthur an annuitie of 6*l.*, oute of Felkington. To my nephew Robert Delavell c markes, to be paide oute of Heeton. To my neece Franncis Graye c markes, also oute of Heeton. To my neece Katherin Graye, the doughter of my brother Raphe, all the corne in the yarde att Elwick, and the cropp upon the grounde, also three partes of the tythe corne of Ilderton, and I wyll that my saide neece and Mathew Graye shall paye to Mystres Ilderton,* yearely, duringe her

* I take this opportunity of printing the interesting will of this lady's husband, of which Sir Thomas Grey was, with her, joint executor. Apr. 29, 1578. Thomas Ilderton, of Ilderton, esq. "I doe make Isabel, my wief, and Sir Thomas Graye, of Chillingham, my executores. To Sir Thomas Graye my beste horse, freind Graye, with all my houndes, savinge onelie two, that I gyve to Mr. Captayne Reade, that ys to saye, Waklet and Ruffler. To Mr. Raphe Graye my browne horse, that I boughte of Nicholas Maners. To Mr. Edwarde Greye my graye nagge. To Mr. Roger Greye my gold chine, and my velvett bonett, with xxiiij buttons of golde, and my cloke, gardyt withe velvett. To my wief all my neite and sheepe, savinge onelye one stott and a quie calf, that I give to John Ellerker. To George Dores one kowe, and Burnett house, and my lyart horse. To my wief my house in the Newcastell, during her liefe, and after to Thomas Ildertone, of the Langehaughe. To two wenches, of the Newcastell, a fetherbedde, withe shettes and blankettes, that kepes my house. To John Ellerker, my servante, all the lande againe, that I boughte of him, within the towne and feildes of Felkingetone. To my cosinge, Roberte Gatherde, of Desardse grange, a farmeholde, named Dyke house, and my house in Darnetone, after the yeares be expired that Mrs. Lasenbie heithe in yt, and he to have, in the meantyme, the easment that I myself haithe had, that ys to saye, one chamber and a stable. To the saide John Ellerker my bygger cros-bowe, withe the windowe and greate boltes. To Mr. Thomas Forster, lorde of Edderstone, a cros-bowe and a rakke, withe a caise of boltes. To younge Thomas Forster a curryoure. To Thomas Ildertone, of the Langhaughe, one stagge, that goethe at Robert Gatherde's. To Thomas Fenkall one quie, that goes at Burnett house. To the balyffe wiefe of Whickham two younge oxen and two kye. To my hostis, Mrs. Midelton, of the Newcastell, 10s. To my wief all my insighte gere, savinge onelye a pott and sixe pewter dishes, that I gyve to John Ellerker. To my wief, and my aunte Sotheron, and to the balyfe wief of Whickham, and to Robert Gatherlaye, my tiethe corne of Ilderton and Rosdayn, during my yeares. To Thomas Ilderton, of the Langehaughe, his tiethe corne. To my wief a black nage, a browne mere, and a white meare, to doo hir busines withal, and the halfe of the corne upon the grounde, and the other halfe to my aunt Sotheron and the balyf wief of Whickham. To Raphe Richardson, vicar of Ildertone, all the profittes of the townes, as freely as ever I hade yt upon hym, and my wief to have the profittes of Ildertone. To Henrye Rotherforthe one horne, one sworde, one blacke sylke dublett, and a payre of read hose, gardyt withe velvett. To Thomas Ildertone, of the Langehaughe, one white fustiane dublett, layde withe white silver layse. To Sir Robert Claxton 10s., and to Richard and John Claxton, to eache 10s. I command that Edward Ildertone shall have his tenemente for tenne yeares, paying therfore nothing but 4d. to the heide lorde. To Michaele Harbottell one gowne of grograne, layde withe sylver layse. To Thomas Ildertone, of the Langehaughe, one gyrkinge of skye collar. To my servante Luke Ogle 20s. To my wief the myll of Ildertone, and the lande that belonges to yt. I gyve to my tenantes East Harbroughe, West Harbroughe, and Blackbroughe, as freely as ever I hede yt borrowed of them; also I wyll that my tenantes shall have ther fermeholdes

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life, 5*l.* To my neece Marye Radcliffe c markes. To my nephew Phillipp Graye, during his life, the tythe corne of the demeanes of Learemouth. To my aunte Katherin Lettice, wyddowe, 40*l.* To Thomas Graye, of Warcke, all my landes &c., lynge in the towne and fieldes of Norham, of the yearlie value of 5*l.* 6s. 8d., for his life. To Mathew Graye, late of Heeton, my household servant, duringe his life, all the rest of the rentes in the towne of Heeton, (the myll and demeanes excepted,) together with one fourthe parte of the tythe corne of Ilderton. To Dorothie Graye, the doughter of Raphe Graye, of Heeton, 30*l.* To John Nicholl, my godson, two tenementes, or fermetts, in the Newe Towne, nowe in the tenor of John Burrell for his life, and I committ the tuicion of him to my servannt John Burrell, and to his mother, the wyfe of the saide John Burrell, so that they bringe hym up in vertue. To the said John Burrell 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To all my householde servantes, to everie one of them, over and besides theire wages, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Roger Graye, my servante, xx boles of beare, out of Ancroft. To my servante Walter Greame twoo tenementes in Fenton, in the occupacion of one Ladelie, for xx yeares, or for his life, or else the some of xx markes, att his choyce. To my servante Wylliam Burrell one fermeholde and a half in the Newe Towne, in the present occupacion of widowe Tuggall and one Swareland, for xxj years, or for his life, att his choyce. To my servantes Roger Graye and George Nevell, to each of them a severall tenemente, now in theire owne occupacion, the one in Doddington, th'other in Nesbett, for xx years, or for lyfe, for rente and service to be doone to the ladye Katherine, my wyfe, or to my brother Raphe Graye. To my servante Nycholas Bell xx booles of graine, viz., iiij booles of wheatt, vj of rye, and x of beare. To my boye Richard Gower 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To my sister Ann Collingwood c markes. To Thomas Benyon and Germayne Gardiner, clarck, to eache one of them xl ewes, for a remembrance. To Thomas Graye, my houshold servantt, one tenement or fermholde in Kylame, for xxj yeares, or for lyfe, for rent and service accustomed. To Susan Byggyns and Margarett Longley, to each of them 10*l.* To my servantt Edward Standley his fermeholde in Chillingham, for xxj yeares, or lyfe, att his choise, and 40s. yerelie. To Christofer Ogle the same annuitie which his father hadd or hathe, after the decease of his father Luke Ogle. To my servantt Patrick his meat and drinck, in my house, during his lyfe, or

for xiij yeres, for theire farme, payinge yf yt will stande by lawe. To the reparacion of my owne porche, and of the churche, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To John Ildertone one halfe lande for his farme, payinge that whiche I have in my owne hande." [Pr. March 16, 1578-9.]

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40s. yearlye. To my syster Delavile my best sylver salte with the cover. To my syster Radcliffe my tablett of golde. To my syster Jeane my three standinge bowles of sylver with thear cover. To my brother Radcliffe my black horrse. To my brother Collingwood my horsse, graye Ardington, for a remembrance. To my brother Delavile my horsse, called graye Storie. And wheras I have bequithed unto my brother Henrye Graye the demeanes and myll of Heeton, for xxj yeares, my intent and meaning is, thatt the first x yeares, the profittes shall goo to the answeringe of my debtes and legacies, and the reste, being butt xj yeares, I geve to the said Henrye and his sonne Thomas Graye, and to either of them, and also xxj yeares more, or for terme of theare lyves. And whereas the ladye Katherine Constable doth owe me fyve hundred markes, I doo meane thatt in resspect of my honest and faithfull dealing towardes the ladye Katherine, my wyfe, her neece, I trust she wyll paye unto myne executores the saide some, withoute troble or molestation. To my olde servantt Raphe Graye, of Alnwick, an annuitye of 40s., to be paied oute of the rente of Howick. To my servantt George Muschamp, for xxj yeares, a fermett in Ewertt, now in his owne occupacion, and the lyke I geave unto Raphe Hebborne, for lyke tyme. To John Storie and his wyfe, and to the longer lyver of them, the fyrmett, he hathe in Yeavering. To Matthew, the sonne of Henrye Graye, late of Suthe Myddleton, all thatt fermholde, in the occupacion of George Tuggall, in the same towne, for the tearm of xxj yeares, and I geve to his mother, during her wyddowhoode, the fermeholde whiche she nowe occupieth, and after her wyddowheade, I geve it to the second sonne of the saide Henrye Graye, for xxj yeares. To John Walles, his eldest sonne, of Copeland, the tenemente which his step-mother now occupieth, for xxj yeares. To Phargus, the sonne of John Storie, one tenemente in Yeaveringe, now in the occupacion of his uncle Robert Storie, of the yearely rent of 26s. 8d., for xxj yeares. To Gawyn Machell thatt tenemente, in Chillingham, which his father George Machell now occupieth, for the tearm of xxj yeares, from the deathe of his said father. The rest of my goodes &c., to the ladye Katherine,* my wyfe, Edward Graye, of Morpeth, and Henrye Graye, my brethren, whiche three I make executores, and I doo ordaine and request my uncle Sir John Forster, knight, and my brother Raphe Graye, to be supervisors. Subscribed with myne owne hand this xvij of Januarie, 1589. These being wytnesses, Francis Radclyffe, Thomas Benyon, Germayne Gardiner.

THOMAS GRAY.*

* The following note is written on the back of the original will, from which

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Mem. Thatt a legacie of 20*l.* to Dorothie Carre, in the fyrst coppei, was by oversight of the wryter left oute. Wytnesse herof, myne owne selfe, Germayne Gardiner.

LXXXII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI BARKER, ALDERMANI.

Dec. 2, 1588. Roberte Barker,* of the towne of Newcastle-uppon-Tyne, merchannte and alderman. My body to be buryed in the churche of St. Nicholas. To the poore people of Newcastle 10*l.* To my sonne John all my leases of my colemynes, whearesover, to him and to the heires males of his body, lawfully begotten, and in default of such, to my sonne Abraham and his heires, then to my sonne Roberte, then to my sonne Isack, and then to my righte heires. If my sonne John shall lyve to enjoy the said leases, he shall gyve unto my daughter Elizabeth Barker† 20*l.* To my sonne John 60*l.*, besides his childe's portion, and all my keeles that I have. To my daughter Elynor Liddell‡ 50*l.*, in full satisfaction of her filiall portion. To my eighte youngest children, viz., John, Elizabeth, Abraham, Susan,§ Jane, Roberte, Isack and Sarai, not only such partes and portions as is due by lawe to every on of them, but also all my goodes and chattells, to be equally divided and parted amongst them, (such legacies as herein are bequeathed only excepted.) To my sonne John this my dwelling howse, with the implements belonging unto it, and to his heires male, lawfully begotten, and in defaulte of such, (as in the case of the leases.) Also to my sonne John the waste, standing afore my dwelling house, the house in Grindon chaire, called Collingwood, and the new house in Shipman's chaire, alias Grapecunt-

it appears that some difficulty had occurred with regard to proving it:—"Mem. This was brought into the register office by a man of the Ladie Graie, wiff to Sir Thomas Graie, within named, and in the yeare 1595 it was not proved, nor in anno 1602, by reason none of th'executors would produce anie witnesses, nor deale therin, other than the verie bringing in of this coppie, and levenge it in the office. By me, Thos. Chaytor."

* One of the most opulent Newcastle merchants of his day; sheriff of that town 1572, and mayor 1577, 1585. He married Margaret, daughter of John Hudson, of Newcastle, merchant, whose will is printed p. 101, by his wife Jane.

† She married, May 14, 1594, Henry Maddison, sheriff of Newcastle 1605, mayor 1623, ancestor of the Maddisons of Saltwellside, co. Durham. She died Sept. 24, 1653, æt. 79.

‡ The wife of George Liddell, of Newcastle, merchant; married, at Ponteland, Sept. 29, 1578. He was nephew of Thomas Liddell, mayor of Newcastle, 1572, the founder of the house of Ravensworth.

§ She married July 15, 1595, Cuthbert Bewick, of Newcastle, merchant, son of Andrew Bewick, of Newcastle, merchant. She was buried at St. Nicholas, Newcastle, Sept. 21, 1597.

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layne, and the waste belonging unto it. To my sonne Abraham my house in the Close, now in the tenure of John March. To my sonne Roberte my house in the Kay-side, now in the tenure of Cuthberte Wymprey, beare-brewer. My sonnes John and Roberte my full executors. My very good frendes Roberte Atkinson, John Marche, George Lyddell and Thomas Tucker, master and marryner, my supervisors. To Richarde Houldsworth, vicar of Newcastle, 3*l*. To John Marche one rose noble, for a token. To George Liddell, my sonne, one rose noble. I will that John Marche shall have the portion and education of my sonne John, and of my daughter Elizabeth, duringe their minoritie, and that my cosin Robert Atkinson, merchannte, shall have the porcion and education of Abraham. To my sister's sonne Robert Emerson 40s. To Richard Watson, of Brotherley, in Wardell, 40s. To John Watsone, of Chatterley, which maryed my sister's daughter, 40s. To Susan Selbye, the wife of John Selbye, merchannte, 40s. To James Bartram 40s. My mynd and will is, that my said sonne John, and his heires, after he, or they, shall be possessed of the abovesaid colemynes and cole leases, he, or they, shall gyve and delyver to every one of the residue of my children, above named, when they shalbe maryed and be housekepers, every yeare, yearely, fyve chalders of suche coles, as shalbe had and gotten, within the said colemynes, they fetching the same frome his or theire cole-staythes, so long as they do lyve, if the said leases and colemynes shall so longe continue. To my said cosin, Robert Atkinson, one rose noble, for a token. To Thomas Tucker one rose noble, for a token. Witnesses, Richard Houldsworth, Robert Atkynson, John Marche, George Lyddell, William Mallabar, Marten Turpen, notarie publique.

Aug. 2, 1590. I geve my daughter, Jane Barker, into the tuicon of my sonne George Liddell, with hir fellyall porcone; I geve unto John March, Isacke and Sara Barker, with ther fellyall porcons; unto Mr. Robert Atkinson I geve Zuzane and Roberte Barker. I geve unto everye one of my wyfe's sisters, that is to saye, to Annes Clarkson 20s., and everye one of her children 10s., to Margerye Swynborne 20s., and everye one of her children 10s., to Dorathye Hodshon 20s., and everye one of her children 10s., and to my mother, Hudson, one rose noble, for a token. I geve unto William Dickenson 40s., forgeving hime all that he did owe unto me. I geve unto John Jackson 40s., which he did owe me. I forgeve my cossen George Emmerson, of that parte which he did owe me, 5*l*. I geve unto Richerd Emerson 40s., which is my sister's sonne. I forgeve Richerd Watsone all suche monney, which he is owing unto me, besides

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the 40s., which I have geven him in my former will. I geve my servannt William Mallabar 5*l.* To my servant Clamett Hewetson 40s. To my servannt Christopher Rayne 40s. To my nursse 40s. To Alls Emmerson 40s. To Jennett Bell 10s. To Jennett Cock 10s. I forgeve my sonne George Liddell the 40*l.*, which he doth owe me, and I doe geve my daughter Elyner Lyddell 20*l.*, besides the 50*l.*, which I have geven her in my former will. Witnesses, Robert Atkynson, John Marche, George Lyddell, Wylliam Mallabar.

Mem. That Robert Barker about two daies before his deathe, in the presence of Helinore Liddle, Dorothee Rayne, and divers others, being put in mynde, that Margaret Barker, his lait wif, did request him to be good to his foure youngest daughters, and whensoever he shoulde dye, should give unto them his napperie and all her lynnen and wollen, the said Robert Barker did legate and give to his said foure daughters all the said goodes.

Inventorye. Praised by Mr. Farnebye, Mr. William Grinwell, John Graye and Francis Lidle. Praise God alwais.

In the hall. One chymelleye, with a porr, 1*l.* 10s. j table, of waineskotte, 1*l.* 6s. 8d. j counter 16s. j dresser 1*l.* 6s. 8d. ij longe formes, ij waineskotte chaires, iij buffett stooles, and j litle buffett stoolle, 13s. 4d. ij olde carpett clothes, th'one greane, and th'other of tapstrye worcke, 8s. iiij olde tapistrie cushons, j neadle-worcke cushone, and vj olde greane cushons, of fustianeappells, 10s. One newe callivar, with a flaske and tucheboxe, 1*l.* One paire of playinge tables, and j tablett, 3s. Somme is 7*l.* 13s. 8d. *In the lord's chamber.* One chymelleye 13s. 4d. One beddstead, with a hurlle bedd, ij fetherbeddes, j bolster, and a matris, ij pilloues, v white and greane curtins, with flears of saye, 7*l.* One oversee coveringe, of tapesterie, 2*l.* 13s. 4d. vj throme cushons, and j longe cushone, 1*l.* 3s. 4d. vj tapstrie cushons, of the greater sorte, and vj of a lesser sorte, 2*l.* 8s. One longe blewe silke cushone 5s. One tapstrie carpett clothe 1*l.* 13s. 4d. One cristeninge clothe, of brood reade, 13s. 4d. One cradle clothe, of blewe silke, 4s. ij dornicke carpett clothes, of thre yairdes longe a peace, 1*l.* 6s. 8d. ij dresser clothes 5s. One olde tapstrie coveringe 6s. 8d. One paire of blanketts, with blewe lystes, 6s. 8d. ij paire of olde blancketts 5s. v shallen wever coverletts 1*l.* 2s. ij codds, one bolster, iij white codds, with a litle blewe codd, 10s. ij dornicks coverletts 10s. One litle waneskott table, with one oake, one dresser and ix buffets stoolles, 1*l.* One waineskott chaire, and j litle table, with drawinge leaves, 6s. 8d. One Danske coffer 10s. Somme is 23*l.* 2s. 4d. *In the newe chamber.* One round iren chymelleye

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10s. One standinge bedd, one hurlle bedd, ij fetherbedds, j bolster, ij pillowes, j blanckette, j pladd, and j foote stoolle, belonginge to the bedd, 3*l.* 10s. One oversee bedd coveringe, of tapestrie, 3*l.* v greane and read curtins, of saye, and the flears, 10s. One lardge Danske chiste, with insett worke, and j litle chiste, 1*l.* 5s. iiij litle stoolles, covered with greane, 5s. One dresser, with a chaire, 3s. 4d. iij woullen green curtins 6s. One olde coveringe, of tapstrie worcke, 2s. One coverllett 4s. Somme is 9*l.* 15s. 4d. *In the noursye.* One round iren chemelleye 6s. 8d. One beddsteadd, of waineskotte, j beddstead, of fyrr, and j hurlle bedd, 10s. iij paire of sheats, vij coverletts, j happen, iij old fetherbedds, ij mattrisses, ij blancketts, ij bolsters, iij wollen curtins and j flear, 2*l.* 10s. One olde table, with j carpett, 2s. 6d. One chaire, and j buffete stoolle, 1s. 6d. One litle chiste 2s. One waineskotte skonce 1s. ij olde Danske chysts 4s. One olde Danske chiste, in the boultinge lofte, 2s. Somme is 3*l.* 19s. 8d. *In the foor parller.* One iren chimlleye 6s. 8d. One standing bedd, with a hurll bedd, and j foote forme, 1*l.* 13s. 4d. One fetherbedd, j bolster, j pillowe, j mattris, j paire of sheats, ij blancketts, j coverlete, j old oversee coverllett, v greane and read saye courtins, with flears, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. One olde fetherbedd, j bolster, j pillowe, j paire of sheats, ij blancketts, j olde twilte, with j olde coveringe, 1*l.* 2s. ij Danske chistes, j Danske coffer, and j pulke, 2*l.* One old waineskotte chiste 10s. One dresser, and j deske, 5s. One stooll of ease, and j skonce, 6s. One old chaire, and ij olde tapstrie cushons, 2s. One white armore, with j gilted headpeace, 1*l.* 10s. Somme is 11*l.* 1s. 8d. *In the backe parller.* One iren chymellye 13s. 4d. One standing bedd, with j hurll bedd, 1*l.* 13s. 4d. One fetherbedd, ij bolsters, j matris, ij old coverllettes, and j olde coverllinge, v read and greane wollen courtins and flears, 2*l.* One greate Danske chiste 1*l.* ij Danske chistes, of furr, 8s. One litle counter, with a form, and a little table, 10s. One old banded chiste, and j chaire, 5s. Somme is 6*l.* 9s. 8d. *In the kytchine.* One chimelley, j porr, j paire of tonges, ij rackes, and ij crooks over the fyer, 2*l.* viij brasse potts 2*l.* iij litle possenett potts 8s. ij droppinge panns of iren, and j of plaite, 4s. ix panns, which is in occupye, 13s. 4d. iiij panns, with ears, 6s. 8d. iiij panns, with bows, 3s. 4d. ij copper panns 6s. 8d. v litle panns, with stalkes, 4s. v ladles, and j spone, 2s. One warminge pann, for a bedd, 3s. 4d. ij hanginge candlesticks, of read plaite, and ij, of white plaite, 2s. 4d. iij fishe skimers 1s. 6d. ij pere panns 1s. viij read candelsticks 5s. 4d. One paire of searssers 4d. xj wood dublers 2s. viij litle trowes, and iij greate trows, of wood, 1s. 2d. viij potte

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lidds, of plaite, 4s. iij bread graites 6d. vj spitts 6s. iij halbardes 7s. 6d. iij paire of rostinge irens 2s. iij paire of pottclipps 6d. One fryinge pann 8d. One chiste, j table, and j salte kytt, 6s. 8d. ij musketts, iij callavers, with ther furniture, 1*l.* 16s. ij brasse morters, with ij pestells, 8s. One choppinge knife, j shearinge knife, and ij bucketts, 1s. ij fleshe crookes 8d. iij beaf tubbs 1s. One paire of mustard stones 1s. 6d. Somme is 11*l.* 1s. *In the buttrye.* On basen and one uewer 4s. One charger 2s. 6d. x platters 10s. ij basens 2s. One egg dishe 6d. vj great puther candelsticks 10s. viij lesser puther candelsticks 5s. 4d. ij leverye potts 1s. 6d. vj floure potts 2s. 6d. One pye plaite 8d. One collinder 6s. One drinckinge peace, of tine, 8d. iiij drincking potts, of tynne, 2s. 8d. One goggen 4d. ij howll tynn basens 1s. 8d. iij pottell potts 5s. iij pynte potts 2s. 6d. xx Danske potts 1*l.* 5s. The vessell, in the chiste, in the kytchine, with that which was occupyed daylye, weing, alltogether, ij cwt. j qr. vj lbs., rated to 6d. per pound, 6*l.* 9s. Somme is 10*l.* 6s. 4d. *The weight of the plaite.* One standinge cupp, duble gilte, weing xxxv ounces, at 5s. 6d. per ounce, 9*l.* 12s. 6d. ij saltes, with a cover, duble gilte, weing xxx ounces and ½, at 5s. 6d. per ounce, 8*l.* 7s. 9d. ij standinge bowlles, with a cover, parcell gilte, weing lj ounces and ½, and one small standing bowlle, parcell gilte, weing xiiij ounces and ½, at 4s. 8d. per ounce, 15*l.* 8d. One neste of gobletts, with the cover, parcell gilte, weinge lxiiij ounces, at 4s. 8d. per ounce, 14*l.* 18s. 8d. One neste of small gobletts, with the cover, parcell gilte, weinge xlv ounces, at 4s. 6d. per ounce, 10*l.* 2s. 6d. iij canns, parcell gilte, weing lj ounces, at 5s. per ounce, 12*l.* 15s. One canne, parcell gilte, weinge xj ounces and ½, at 4s. per ounce, 2*l.* 6s. One salte, parcell gilte, weing xv ounces, at 4s. 6d. per ounce, is 3*l.* 7s. 6d. One taister, and j litle salte, with a cover, weing vj ounces and ½, at 4s. per ounce, 1*l.* 6s. xij appostell spons, the ends being gilted, weing xx ounces, at 4s. 8d. per ounce, 4*l.* 13s. 4d. xij sponnes, the ends gilted, weing xxij ounces, at 4s. 8d. per ounce, 5*l.* 2s. 8d. xj sponnes, with maden heads, weing xiiij ounces and ½, at 4s. per ounce, 2*l.* 18s. One stone jugge, duble gilted, 1*l.* 10s. One stone jugge, covered with silver, 1*l.* 10s. One uewer and basen, of tynne, 18s. One whissell, and j toothpike, 5s. Summa 94*l.* 12s. 11d. *In the seller in Shipman's chaire.* Thre hundrethe and threttene fadges of lynte, being v laste, at 28*l.* per last, 140*l.* More, iiij halfe lastes, packte, 64*l.* xxxvj fadges of wett lynte, and parte decayed, weing lx stone, at 3s. per stone, 9*l.* ix tearces of honeye, at 16*l.* per tonne, 24*l.* viij barrells of piche 2*l.* One barrell of duble bynd tarr 6s. 8d. ix waineskotts

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18s. xix spruse dailles, 18d. per peace, 1*l.* 8s. 6d. v longe keall ores 1*l.* 5s. lv fadges of olde lynte, at 3s. per stone, 15*l.* *Behind John Selbye's shopp, upon the hill.* Seventene fother and ij stone and viij lbs. of lead, at 6*l.* 13s. 4d. per fother, 113*l.* 6s. 8d. *In Collingwood.* Nyne hogsheads of clarett wyne, and one hogshead of read wyne, 38*l.* *In the seller at home.* One butt and ½ of sack 20*l.* Thre quarters of a hogshead of clarett wyne 1*l.* 10s. Summe is 430*l.* 14s. 10d. *In the lowe seller at home.* Fower score and fyve ends of Danske iren, weing cc stone, at 17d. per stone, 14*l.* xxx ends of Englishe iren 4*l.* *In the fyshe lofte.* Fower score and sixe lyngs 3*l.* 13s. 4d. xl carsoyes 60*l.* c allern 1*l.* 10s. lxxiij chalders and one boull of white rye, at 4*l.* 8s. per chalder, 321*l.* 4s. xj chalder and v boulls of beans, at 3*l.* per chalder, 33*l.* *In the lofte at home.* Twentie-two fadges of lynte, weing xl stone, at 4s. 8d. per stone, 9*l.* 6s. 8d. More, vj bowlls of oote malte 1*l.* 10s. ij chalder of barllye malte, not good, 5*l.* 6s. 8d. Summe is 453*l.* 10s. 8d. Resaved of Williame Mallaborne, for a reckenninge of ij hogsheads of wine, and xliij gallans of secke, that secke being allowed, which was drouncke at the arvell, as appeareth by his noot, with other chardges, 12*l.* 4s. 8d. More resaved of Williame Mallaborne, in parte paymente of ij hogsheads of wine, that Williame Lillie was to accompte for, at his death, 9*l.* 15s. 11d. *In Collingwood.* Two demye barrells of gonn-powder, weing iij cwt. xiiij lbs., at 9d. per pound, 13*l.* 2s. 6d. iiij kealls, with ther furniture. The twelfth parte of the grand leasse.* *The estimatione of suche coolls as wer at the pitts and staithes, the 4th of Auguste,* 1590, *as followeth.* At the grannde lease pitts, ccclxxxviij tenns of coolls, the twelfth parte is xxxij tenns, and the thirde parte of a tenn, praised worthe 2*l.* per tenn, is 64*l.* 13s. 4d. At the two pitts and the half pitte, at the Crosse moor, xxiiij tenns and v chalder of coolls, Mr. Barker's parte beinge the quarter parte, is vj tenns, and the eight parte of a tenn, praised worthe 1*l.* 13s. 4d. per tenn, is 10*l.* 4s. 2d. At our owne staithes, and at the comptenie's staithes, v tenns of coolls, raited worth 3*l.* per tenn, is, for our parte, 15*l.* Upon the Pingell staithes xxxvj tenns, the twelfth parte is iij tenns, at 3*l.* per tenn, is 9*l.* Upon Dunstill staithe xxj tenns, the twelfth parte is j tenn and ¾ of a tenn, at 3*l.* per tenn, is 5*l.* 5s.

A note of all debtes owinge to Robert Barker. One bonde,

* In 1582, Queen Elizabeth procured from the bishop of Durham, a lease of the manors of Gateshead and Whickham, for 99 years; it afterwards passed to the Earl of Leicester, and then to Thomas Sutton, founder of the Charter-house, by whom it was made over to Sir William Riddell and others, merchants of Newcastle. This was called the grand lease, and became apportioned out in shares.

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wherin Williame Hodgson and Nicholas Hedley standeth bounde for 300*l.* More that is owen for iron, as appeareth by his booke, 26*l.* 15s. 11d. More that is owen for lynt, as appeareth by his booke, sence the 20th of June, 1587, unto the 3rd of Auguste, 1590, 83*l.* 12s. 8d. More owen for wyne, delivered in 1590, 120*l.* More that is owen, xv fodder of lead, at 6*l.* 13s. 4d. per fodder, 100*l.* More that Mr. Whitfielde, of Whitfielde hall, and his soon is owen, as appeareth by twoe bondes, 50*l.* More that the towen oweth him, which was lent in Mr. Lewen his yeare, 20*l.* Somme is 700*l.* 8s. 7d.

A note of all suche debtes as Mr. Robert Barker ought at the daie of his deathe. To John Selbye, for one butte of sacke, 13*l.* 10s. Paid to Cuthbert Carr, for the freight of viij last of rie, at 45s. per last, 18*l.* Paid to the fliebote, for freight of cxxx last of rye, at 31s. 6d. per last, 20*l.* 9s. 8d. Paid to Thomas Tucker, for freight of xvj last of rie and ij last flaxe, with money for his part of certaine powder, 41*l.* 8s. 6d. Paid to the Ternyte House 7s. Paid to Anthonye Felton, as appears by his note, for the sute of twoe bandes, 34s. That is owen to Mr. Riddell, which he was suretie for, 1*l.* 2s. That is owen to John Graye, as appeareth by his booke, 1*l.* 5s. That is owen John Selbye 11s. Summa 98*l.* 7s. Paid for takinge of x fodder of leade forthe of the skayle, and carryinge awaye, 6s. 8d. For the custome of the rie and flaxe, that came home in Thomas Tucker, Cuthbert Carr, and the flee bote, 4*l.* 18s. 2d. To Leonarde Dyggles, for ij barrells of beare, was owne 12s. Paid Mr. Selbye, for the charge of one butt of sacke, 3s. 10d. For the half-yeare's rent of the Crose more 6*l.* 5s. For the quene's lande, at Whickham, 6s. 8d. For the owte rent of the seller in Shippman's chaire 1s. 4d. For the rent of waist, before the dowre, to the towne, 2s. 8d. Paid to his servantes for theire halfe yeare's wages, as appears by the parcels, 2*l.* 19s. 4d. To Gilbert, that was owne him, 12s. 9d. To the beare-brewer, as appears by his note, 35s. 8d. To the hatter, for three hattes to the iij boyes, 12s. To George Liddle, for suche thinges as was dewe to him, as appears by his bill of parcells, 4*l.* 15s. 10d. To the pothecarie, Mr. Eden, for suche thinges as was had to William Lillie's arvell, in the lyff tyme of the said Mr. Barker, 45s. Paid to Mr. Eden, for suche thinges as appears by his note, that was occupeid the night the said testator was buried, 4*l.* 2s. For weighinge the plaite 1s. For schole heir of the childer, for twoe wekes, 1s. 2d. More paid to Mr. Turpen, that was owne for Abraham schole heir, 8s. For carryinge up of the rye and castinge yt, and for mesuringe of the beanes, and tellinge over of the flax and iron, as appears by the parcells, 42s. 5d. Summa 32*l.* 12s. 4d.

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A note of the charges of his funerall. Paid to John Graye, for blackes, as appears by his note, 28*l.* 19s. 7d. To James Graye, for blackes, as appears by his note, 4*l.* 9s. For freeas, for makinge of thirttene poore men's gownes, 3*l.* 5s. 4d. For the charge of suche thinges as was had to his funiral dynner, and for the kepinge of his house, frome the daie of his deathe unto the Fridaie next after his funirall, as appears by the parcells, 27*l.* 9s. 1d. For makinge the pore men's gownes, and his women childer gownes, 1*l.* 7s. 8d. To Robert Tod, for makinge of his sones clothes, and his servantes cotes, as appears by his bill of parcells, 1*l.* 6s. To the clerke 16s. 2d. To Mr. Holdsworth, oure vicar, for his mortuarie, 10s. Summa 78*l.* 2s. 10d.

A note of the moneye my uncle hade at the daye of his deathe. In a purse, in his deske, in money, 18*l.* 2s. More in gould 4*l.* More in ij chestes, and in xvj purses, in money and goulde, 1594*l.* 14s. Per me John Marche. ✠

LXXXIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS LAWSON.

Oct. 14, 1590. John Lawson,* of Thorp Bulmer, of the parish of Hart, in the countie of Durham, gentleman, sonne and heir of William Lawson, of the aforesaid Thorp Bulmer, esquier. My bodie I do comend unto the earth, to be buryed in the church att Hart, nighe unto the grave of my brother Raiph.† To the poore, within these thre parishes, viz., Hart, Hesleden, and Stranton, 8*l.*, att the discretion of my supervisors, and of John Robson, clerke, and Henry Wandlesse, clerk. To the repairainge of the peare att Hartlepooll 40s., to be delivered unto Percivell Bell, of Hartlepol, to that use. To John Robson, clerk, vicar of Hart, and unto Henry Wandlesse, clerk, vicar of Monnck Hesleden, 4*l.*, equallie betwene them, to be delivered unto them, att the daie of my buryall. It is my will that the said William Lawson, my father, have the free use and occupacon of my thirtye oxen, att Hart, and also the use of my waines and waine-

* Son of William Lawson, of Thorp Bulmer, esq., (of the family of Lawson, of Usworth,) by Catherine, daughter of Rowland Beadnell. The will of his father is printed in this volume. The testator died very soon after his brother, with whom he was in partnership. The Hart register contains the following entry: "Mr. John Lawson was buryed in the portch of the south yland, close by the grave of Mr. Raphe Lawson, his brother, Oct. 16, 1590."

† Ralph Lawson married Jane, daughter and co-heir of Edmond Parkinson, of Hulam, but died without issue. He made a nuncupative will Aug. 3, 1590. "Did pronounce for his last will these words, 'I give to my brother John all my goodes and chattels, cattell, and debtes, landes and tenementes, and I make him executor.'" He was buried at Hart, Aug. 15, 1590, "in the portch in the south yland of the church, hard by the south wall."

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geare, and of my ploughes and ploughe-geare, during the whole tearme of his life naturall, and after his death, to come unto the use of Katherin, my mother, and after the decease of them twaine, the said oxen &c., shall come unto the sole and proper use of myne executor. I give unto my said mother fiftye ewes. To Dorithie Midleton, my sister, my better kowe, here at Thorp Bulmer. To Margarett Wiclif, my sister, my other cowe, at Thorp aforesaid. To Franncis, my brother, my stoned horse. To Beeley Lawson, my sister, eight silver spoones, and one old ryall of gold. To Mr. John Wiclif, my brother-in-lawe, one sord stagge. To Mr. Thomas Midleton, my brother-in-law, one baie stagge, wall-eyed. To Anthonie Midleton, my nephewe, one old ryall of gold, to be given unto him, when he comes to his land, by mine executor. To Raiphe Midleton, my nephewe, 5*l.*, towardes his furtherance att his bindinge to one occupation. To John Midleton, my nephew, one old ryall of gold, to be delivered unto him when he attaineth unto xxj yeares. To William Huton, my cosen, all the debt, which Mr. Anthonie Huton, his father, oweth unto me, by vertewe of executorship, together with the bill of his hand made thereof. To John Butterie, of Monncke Hesleden, 10*l.* It is my will that John Browne, my man, dureinge his life, shall henceforth have 40s., paid unto him yearlie, and I do request Mr. John Wiclif, my brother-in-lawe, to entertaine him into his service, and to be good master unto him, upon his deserveinge. To Thomas Temple and to George Forster, unto either of them, two bushells of wheate, over and besides there bowell corne. To William Wiclif, my nephew, one old ryall of golde, to be delivered unto him, when he attaineth unto xxj yeares. To Thomas Raine, my servannt, one bowell of wheat. To Roland Chipchaise, and to Elizabeth Gower, and owld Malley Bell, 20s., to be equallie devided amongst them three. The residue of all my goodes, and all my landes &c., to John Wiclif,* my godsonne and nephewe, whom I do make sole executor of this my will. And if it do fortune the said John Wiclif, myne executor, to die, er he do attaine unto the full yeares of one and twentie, then it is my will, that my said landes &c., do come and redound unto the use of William Wiclif,* brother unto the said John Wiclif. My said father William Lawson, and John Wiclif, my brother-in-lawe, to be supervisors. Witnesses, John Robson, clerk, vicar of Hart and Hartlepooll, Henry Wandlesse, clerk, and John Buttery.

Inv. One score and fower oxen 50*l.* vj twinter stottes 6*l.* 13s. 4d. vij kien 11*l.* ij whyes and j stirke 53s. 4d. xlv

* Son of John Wycliffe and Margaret the testator's sister.

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sheep 9*l.* 1 shep, given by legacie, 12*l.* 10s. j cowe, bequeathed to Dorithie Midelton, 40s. j stond horse, which was Mr. John Lawson's, 6*l.* j sord horse, bequeathed, 4*l.* j walle-eyed horse, bequeathed, 50s. j litle old maire, which the said John Lawson, in his lifetime, did geve unto Thomas Midleton, which was, a litle or that, Raiph Lawson's, 13s. 4d. viij silver spoones, bequeathed, 53s. 4d. *These quicke goodes followinge being in Richmondshire, and seen and valewed there.* Fyveteen kyen 27*l.* 10s. xxiij twinter stirkes 31*l.* vij horses and meares 11*l.* 13s. 4d. j lease of certaine groundes in Hartlepole, and j lease of certaine howses in Hart, 28*l.* j litle cupbourd, j chist, j cott of plaite, with plaites for a cott, and j steale capp, 26s. 8d. All the apparell of the said Raiphe Lawson 5*l.* All his bookes 20s. The apparell of Mr. John Lawson, and his pistlett, and the stringes to it, 20*l.* His horseman's peace 13s. 4d. His sadle and sadle-clothe 20s. *There corne in the stack-garthe.* Of wheate, lxx threaves, 12*l.* Of bigge, lxxx threaves, 10*l.* There parte of haver, xx threaves, 33s. 4d. There parte of the peese 4*l.* There parte of the wheate, nowe growinge, 8*l.* iij longe waines, as they stand, and iij iron-bound coupwaines, as they stand, viij soomes, iiij shackles, xiij geard yookes, j ox harowe, j paire of horse harowes, iij ploughes, iij axletrees, iij paire of waine ropes, ij axes, ij wimbles, j eche, j grape, j gavelocke, j grindestone, iij iron forkes, iiij fur dells, ij swalles, j calfe heck, iij peeces of ock wood, and j furre chist, 14*l.* *The debtes owenge.* By Richard Midleton, of Tunstall, Robert Aire being suertie, 100*l.* William Heley 18*l.* James Carre 10*l.* George Lawson 66*l.* 13s. 4d. Michaell Pemmerton 30*l.* James Watson, att the redeminge of his land, 66*l.* 13s. 4d. Phillip Welbury, at redeminge of his land, 10*l.* Michaell Torwood, for one horse, 5*l.* Mr. William Lawson, there father, for xx calves, 10*l.* The said William Lawson, for iij oxen, 7*l.* Some of all the said goodes 637*l.* 16s. 8d. *The debtes which the said Raiph Lawson and John Lawson doe owe.* To Mr. William Lawson, there father, 61*l.* 8s. 4d. To the said William Lawson, which he lente to Mr. John Wyclif, to give to the poore, att the funerall of the said John Lawson, 10*l.* To the said William Lawson, which he paid to one Caise, of Berwicke, for John Lawson's debt, 40s. The said John Lawson doth owe unto the said Caise 4*l.* The said John Lawson doth owe unto Mrs. Katherin Lawson, his mother, 7*l.* 2s. The said Raiph Lawson doth owe unto John Pattison 50*l.* To John Butterie 21*l.* To Henry Wandlesse, for tiethes, 4*l.* For both there debtes unto Mr. Percival Bell 3*l.* 15s. 7½d. To Robert Twidell 40s. To Mr. William Lawson, there father, which he laide fourthe, for rent, att Hart, 40s. To

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Nicholas Hall 30s. To Thomas Temple 14s. 10d. To Anthonie Morpeth, of Newcastell, 4*l*. To John Wiggen's wife 3s. 6d. To Edward Tailor, shomaker, 2s. 8d. To wedowe Dotchen, for viij busheles of peese, 18s. To Mr. John Wyclif, which he paid for the busshopp's rent, for Shearoton, 19s. 6d. To Mr. Francis Lawson, which he lent to the said Raiph Lawson, his brother, 7*l*. 10s. To the said Francis Lawson, which he lent to the said John Lawson, 20s. To Robert Whitefeild, of Durham, which the said Raiph and John Lawson did owe, 13*l*. 6s. 8d. To Thomas Liddell, of Newcastell, 50s. Summa of the debtes 200*l*. 10s. 13½d. Summe of the legacies the said John Lawson bequeathed, with there laristalles, 63*l*. 11s. 4d. And so remaineth 373*l*. 4s. 2½d. ✠

LXXXIV. TESTAMENTUM ROGERI NICOLSON.

Dec. 2, 1590. Roger Nicholson,* of the towne of Newcastle-uppon-Tyne, marchant and alderman. My bodye to be buryed in the church of St. Nicholas, in my wive's grave. To my doughter Jane Heckslittre† ccc markes, in full satisfaction of her filiall portion, and my executors to take bond of her husband, that yf the saide Jane dye, without anye children or childe, then her husband to give unto John Shafto, sonne of my saide daughter, c markes, to be paid unto him at the age of xxj yeares, yf he lyve so long. To my daughter Anne Anderson ccc markes. To my daughter Thomasine‡ cccc markes, th'one half to be paid unto her the daie of her marriage, and th'other half within one whole yeare after the same. To the said Thomazine my house by the long staires. To John Shaftoe, my daughter Jane's sonne, one close in Gatesheed, and also my house, or tenement, nighe unto the churche-style of Gatesheed, to him and his heires, and in default of such, to the children of his mother, my daughter Jane. I will, that his childe's portion, viz., 200*l*., be paid, upon bond, unto his mother, within foure yeares of the time of my death, provided that my executors, during the said foure yeares, shall paye 10*l*., yearelie, towards his finding. To Roger, sonne of

* This opulent merchant was sheriff of Newcastle 1583, mayor in 1588. He married Jane, daughter of Oswald Chapman, mayor 1558, by his wife Marion, daughter of Henry Anderson, several times mayor of Newcastle. The wills of his wife's father and mother are printed pp. 73, 74. He left six daughters, coheiresses, who married into the families of some of the wealthiest merchants of Newcastle.

† His daughter Jane had been previously married, probably to John Shafto, of Newcastle, merchant, who died in 1583, and by whom she had issue John, mentioned below; she was, at the time her father's will was made, the wife of Daniel Hecksletter.

‡ A license was granted, April 24, 1591, for the marriage of Thomasine Nicholson to Emanuel Hecksletter, perhaps a brother of her sister Jane's husband.

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Franncis Anderson,* my house in Gatesheed, now in the tenure of Roger Norresse, to him and his heires, and in defaulte of suche, to his brother Henrie, and his heires for ever. To Henrie, sonne of my sonne Bertram Anderson,† one house in Gatesheed, in the tenure of John Farbridge, glover, and another house, with two cottages, late in the tenure of John Clerk, quarrellman, to him and his heires for ever. To Dorothie, Anne, Jane and Henrie, children of Franncis Anderson, and to everie of them 40s. To Roger, sonne of James Claveringe,‡ 10*l.* To Anne, his sister, 40s., which legacies shall remaine in theire father's handes, untill such tyme as they come to be capable of them. To Franncis Nicolson 6*l.* 13s. 4d., and I desire my sonne Franncis Anderson to take the charge and tuition of him and his portion. To Roger, sonne of Thomas Nicolson, 3*l.* 6s. 8d., and I commit him and his legacie to my sonne Christofer Midforthe.§ To Mark, sonne of Thomas Shaftoe, 40s. To the poore people of Newcastle 10*l.* To the churche of St. Nicolas 40s., towards the even flooreinge of the same. To my servant Roger Nicolsone 5*l.* I doe remitte and forgive Elizabeth Anderson, wedowe, whatsoever she oweth unto me. To my servant Grace Potter 40s. I remitt and forgyve Margaret Burwell whatsoever she oweth me. To my brother James Nicolsone a double duckett, for a token. To my daughter Ellinor Mitforde the house wherein I now dwell, with all the appurtenences, wainscote, seeleinge, iron chimnays and breweinge leades, together with a house and an orcheard, at the close yate, to her and the heires of her bodie, and in default of such, to come unto the rest of my daughters surviving, equallie to be divided amongest them, provided that the said Ellinor shall paye unto my sister Maulde 40s., yearelie, during her life. My will is, that my said daughter Ellinor, in consideration of the house aforsaid, shall pay unto my executors c markes, towards the payeinge of my legacies. To my daughter Barbara Anderson my best neste of goblettes, being dubble gilt, with the cover-

* Sheriff of Newcastle 1595, mayor 1601, 1612, ancestor of the Andersons of Jesmond and Bradley; he married the testator's daughter Barbara.

† The Andersons were numerous, as merchants, in Newcastle, and it is not possible to assign to all of them a place in the pedigree of the houses, either of Jesmond or Haswell. Bertram Anderson, who married the testator's daughter Anne, may, perhaps, be identified with a Bertram Anderson who administered to the effects of his father Edward, a Newcastle merchant, June 12, 1585.

‡ Sheriff of Newcastle 1599, mayor 1607, 1618, son of Robert Clavering, of Callaley, esq., and ancestor of the Claverings, baronets, of Axwell. He married Grace Nicholson.

§ There were several Christopher Mitfords merchants in Newcastle. I cannot identify any one of them with the testator's son-in-law; he was probably, however, a grandson of Christopher Mitford, who died in 1577, and who married Jane Anderson, aunt of the testator's wife.

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inge, to her and her husband, and to the longer lyver of them, for a token, and after there deathe to Roger Anderson, there sonne. To my daughter Jane my goulde chayne, with the brouche of gould uppon ytt, for a token. To my sonne Franncis Anderson my best signet, for a token. To my sonne James Claveringe my second signet, for a token. To my sonne Christofer Midforthe my third signet, for a token. To my sonne Daniell Heckslitter three duble ducketts, for a token. To my sonne Bartram Anderson three dubble ducketts, for a token. I give all my other ringes, not bequeathed, unto my daughters, Grace, Ellinor, Anne and Thomasin, to be devided amongest them. The rest of my goodes to my three daughters, Barbara, Ellinor and Grace, equallie to be devyded amongest them, in full satisfaction of their filiall portions, which said Barbara, Grace and Ellinor, I make sole executors of this my will. I will, that concerninge my parte of the lease of the coole mynes in Whickam and Gatesheed, that yf any of my said executors doe alienate her part of the same, to any person, except onelie to one or two of my said executors, that the executors or executor so selling, shall loose the benefitt of her part of the lease aforesaid for ever. I make Richard Holdesworth, vicar of St. Nicholas, supervisor, and I give him, for a token, 10*l.* Wheras my brother James oweth unto me 26*l.* and odd money, for a shop and tackle, I will that he paye onelie 15*l.*, and the rest I doe forgive him. Wheras I have made an adventure, to Burdusse and Rochell, of 400*l.* and above, my will is, that yf it so please God, that the same adventure doe miscarrye, or quaile in parte, or in whole, that the said losse or damage be equallie borne, as well on the behalf of my children's legacies and portions, as on the parte of my executors aforesaid. Wheras I have given unto my daughter Thomasine cccc markes, for her filiall portion, my will is, that yf in and concerninge her mariage, she followe not the advice of my supervysor, and my sonnes, Francis Anderson and James Claveringe, that then she shall have but ccc markes, any thinge herein to the contrarie notwithstandinge. Witnesses, Richard Holdsworth, George Still, Mathew Chapman, Ralph Cocke.

LXXXV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS MARCH.

Feb. 13, 1590-1. John March,* of Redworth, in the

* Merchant adventurer of Newcastle-upon-tyne, and one of the wealthiest tradesmen of that town. He was the son of Thomas March, of Redworth, co. Durham, and his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas Heighington, of Redworth. His monumental slab still exists in the south aisle of Heighington church, and bears this inscription, Mr. John March, marchant adventurer, of New-

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countie of Durham. My bodye to be buryed in my parish church of Heighington. To my nephew John March,* sonne unto Robert, my brother, deceased, all that my tenemente &c., in Redworth, in which I now dwell. I gyve unto him all my yeares in a lease of the groundes called Banckdene, which lease I hold of Mr. Crosher. To my said nephew John 140*l.*, which my brother is indebted to me, provided alwayes, that the said John shall paye the sume of 100*l.* unto his three sisters, which said sum I stand bounde to pay in there severall obligacons thereupon maide. I doe bequeathe and commit him, the said John, unto the tuycon and government of Williame March, during his minoritie. My will is, that John, Abraham, Elizabeth, Isaac and Sara Barker, children of myne one uncle Robert Barker, deceased, with whose goodes, childeringe's partis dew to them, I stand bounde to paye, the same shalbe trewlie paid unto them, when as they shall come to lawful age, be maried, or otherwise lawfullie demande the same, and to everie of the said children I geve 100*l.* My will and request is, that Mr. Robert Atkinson and Mr. George Farnabye, of Newcastle, shall have the tuycon and governmente of them, and all there porcons, durenge their minorities. To Susan and Jane Barker, children of the aforesaid Robert Barker, deceased, xx markes a peice. To Dorothy Hodgeson, my half-sister, 20*l.*, and to hir sone Christopher xx markes, and to her daughter 5*l.* I forgive George Emerson, of the Eastgait, Newcastell, all suche debtes as he is owinge unto me. To my brother-in-lawe, Hercules Barker, a yoke of my best stotes, and to my sister, his wife, xx nobles. To everie other of my half-sisters, if they be lyveing, 10*l.* a peice. To my cosinge, William March,† a rose noble, for

castell-upon-Tyne, lyeth heare. He dep'ted the 8th of March, 1590; and his brother, Mr. Robert March, dep'ted the .... His will betokens a generous, kind-hearted, and conscientious man, such as liberal trading has produced in every age.

* John March died, without issue, not many years after the testator. Livery was granted Nov. 5, 1598, to his three sisters and co-heirs.

† This person was servant in the household of John Blakiston, of Blakiston, in 1571, and was then aged 33. In his will, made March 18, 1604-5, he calls himself of Great Burton, serving-man. "I geve to Sir William Blakiston an old ryall, and to my ladie, his wyffe, and to his children, an angell a pece. To my young mistres an angell. To Mr. Thomas Blakiston, my master's brother, one old ryall, and to his wiffe, and everie child they have, an angell. To eache of my master's brethren, and their children, one angell. To Mr. William Wycliffe, Mrs. Wycliffe, and everye of their children, an angell. My old fellow Francis Barwick. My brother Thomas Marche. To Mr. Robert Wyvell, for my bringing forth, if it please God to call me to His mercie in his house, 10*l.* To my cosen Hercules Braban, and his wief, a Frenche crowne a pece, and the same to my cosen Christofer Rayne and his wief. To her sonne Christofer Hodgeson, and her daughter Dorothe, an angell a pece. To Ellynor Todd, Jane Bell, and Mary Trotter, an angel eche." *From the registry at Masham.*

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a token. To Mr. Raph Lawson, of Broughe, esquier, a rose noble. To Mr. Henry Tonge a rose noble. To Mr. Robert Atkinson a rose noble. To Mr. George Farnabye a rose noble, and to Mr. William Baites a rose noble. To George Liddell a rose noble, and to his wife the same. To Mr. Doctor Colmore a trible severignt, beinge thirtie shilling peyce. To Mr. Thomas Chaitor a rose noble. To Mr. Edward Hutton, of Durham, a duble duccate. To Williame Baker, of Durham, an angell, and to his wife one angell, and to his sone, Oswold Baker, a duble duccate. To Mr. Frances Key, vicar of Hahington, 20s. To John Robinson a rose noble, and to his wife an angell. To Richard Coltsworth an angell, and unto John Welsh an angell. I forgive Mr. George Tonnge 40s., of the debt he oweth me, in consideracon of his frenship, showed to me. To George Carre, my servannt, 8*l.*, for which said 8*l.*, he hath in his keepinge a silver bowle, guilt, as a pawn, and also I give unto him 40s., which is in all 10*l.* To my servannt John Cocke 10*l.* To Christopher Raine, of Newcastell, 20s. To my servannt Nicolas Harrison 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Elizabeth March, alias Newcome, c markes. To Nicolas Welfoote 5*l.* To Janet Johnson 40s. To Robert Spurner 30s. To my servannt Mally 10s. To Thomas Hebbecke 10s. To everie one of my tenanntes in Redworth 6s. 8d. a peace. To my servannt Raine, of Wessoe, 10s. Wheras I have manye debtes owynge unto me, by my bookes of accounts, which, perhappes, in part is paied unto me by divers persons, and the debtes not crossed out of my said debt bookes, my will and mind is, that if any such person, beinge of good name and creditt, will say and affirme, in the word of an honest man, in the presence of three or fowre of the honest men of the parishe, where such persons do dwell, that the said debtes is satisfied and paied unto me, so that such debtes be under the sume of 40s., that such debtes therupon shalbe released. My goodes to be sold to there most value. The fyne I have at Whessoe, in the county of Durham, shall be sold, by my frendes, appointed for that purpose, that is to say, by Henry Tonge and George Farnabye, and upon the sale therof, they shall give unto the towne chamber of Newcastell-upon-Tyne 100*l.*, to the end that there shall be paied yearely, and for ever, 10*l.*, of which said 10*l.*, I geve 5*l.* to the releafe of the poore and neadye, within the said towne of Newcastell, and 5*l.* yearely to the poore in Heighinton parishe. Wheras I had the afornamed fyne, at Whessoe, of Mr. Francis Perkinsonn and Robert Perkinsonn, his sone, for the sume of 400*l.*, paid to them, my will is, that if the said Francis and Robert, or ether of them, will pay unto my executors, the said sum of 400*l.*, at or before the feast of St.

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John Baptist, next enshewing, then my whole title &c., therin, shalbe to them assured. All the rest of my goodes &c., I give unto my nephew, John March, aforsaid, to John, Abraham, Elizabeth, Isaac and Sara Barker, children of Robert Barker aforsaid, willing that the said goodes be proportionably devided amongst them. My trustye and lovinge frendes, Mr. Robert Atkinson and George Farnabye, my executors, and, for ther paynes, I geve to eyther of them 20*l.* I will that Richard Stott, of Newcastle, shall have the lone of 100*l.*, without anything paying therefor. And likewise to John Selby, that maried my cosen Susonne Nicson, 100*l.*, in like manner. To George Liddell, of Newcastell, 100*l.*, in like manner. Supervisors, my trustie frendes, Mr. Raph Lawson, of Brough, esquier, Mr. Edward Hutton, Mr. Thomas Chater. Witnesses, Thomas Chaytor, Edward Hutton.

Feb. 16, 1590-1. The trew meaning of my last will, whereof Mr. Chater and Mr. Hutton are witnesses, is, that it stand and be in full forme, saveinge, wherease I have given to John March a legacie of 140*l.*, somewhat doubtful, my will is, that that 140*l.* shalbe taken by myne executors, and I give him, in lew, the lease of all my ten closes in Newbegine, duringe the same lease, which is fourtene yeares, yet to come, payinge as aforsaid to his sisters. And wheras Francis Perkinson owes 11*l.*, as appears by a bill, and other lent mony to him, and to his sone, as appears by my booke, and for certaine lynt, wherof I had his garth for 3*l.*, certaine strawe 20s., I to have all answeared or no release. For myne uncle's children there porcons, to be paied as convenientlie as may be, I mean that which is dew to them by there father, and that I doe give them of my goodes according as it comes in. The cause that I crosed fourth Mr. Atkinson in my will, was for nothing, but that I doubted of his pains taken for so small a profitt, which I hope he will not deny. I will my cosin William to be crosed fourth for executor, giving my said cosing 20*l.* of my goodes, and he to be no further trobled, then for John March only. For my sister Dorothy, I give hir, more then the 20*l.* in my former will, 80*l.* more. To hir sone Christopher Hodgeson 6*l.* 13s. 4d. more. Also I geve Thomas Hunter and James Walker, for a token, eyther of them an angell. John Mason owes me 20s., which I doe forgeve him; his brother-in-lawe, which dwelleth in Houghton, Laborne, owes me 40s., wherof I give John Maison 20s. John Robinson, of Heington, standes in my booke as suretie for his brother Robert, who is deade, I forgive John Robinson that debt. I forgyve Richard Danyell 36s. Also I forgeve Hercules Brabant both the rye and flax he oweth me. Thus desyring that all may be taken in the

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best sense. Given Mr. Houlesworth, vicar of Newcastle, for a token, 20s., Mr. Bamforde 20s., Anthonye Byerley* and Thomas Talbott, eche one rose noble. Witnesses, Hercules Brabant, William March. My man John Cocke's good accompt, I give him more 10*l.* This is all mine owne hand. JOHN MARCH.

Mr. Raphe Lawson I raised forth for Whessoe, because he could not be gotten in time. I give Hercules Brabant more 6*l.* 13s. 4d. And my mening is, that nothing to be taken of my petye legacies, if there be a want, as I hope there will not be, but of those who shall have the overplus of my goodes, they to take if there be a lacke, that is, John March, John, Abraham, Bessie, Isaac, and Sara Barker, as I take it, the 20th day of Feb., 1590. I give old Nan Harrison 20s.

JO. MARCH.

Witnesse hereof, Hercules Brabant.

Whereas in my former will, there is nothinge said to be done with the money of Whessoe, when it is sold, saving the 100*l.* to the porre, my will and mynd is, that the rest, which is 300*l.*, be put in inventorie, and paid to myne executors, of trust for the paying of all things in my will. I will all the legacies given to Hercules Brabant be maid up a hundreth markes.

J. MARCH.

Witnesses hereof, Richard Dotsworth, John Welsh, Hercules Brabant.

Mem. That Feb. 21st, 1590, the will and codicill, with all the particlers, before written, being red to the said testator, he, being then of perfect mynd and memorie, did acknowledg and declare that the same, in such forme as they are now written, were his last will and testament. In the presence of Edward Hutton and Thomas King.

An other codicill, made by John March, Feb. 21st, 1590. I forgive William Wilkinson, of Elstob, all the debtes he doth owe me. I forgive Roger Lassanbie 20s., and I give unto him an angell, for a token. I forgive John Killinghall 20s. I give to Mr. John Couster, of Lasingby, for a token, one rose noble, and I will that he shall be paied for my nagge's grasse, for so longe as he hath beane there. I give to Elenor Maire, and Jane March, my brother Robert's doughters, ech of them 40*l.* a peace. And wheras I have committed the custodie and ward-

* Of Pickhall, Richmondshire, ancestor of the Byerleys, of Middridge grange, co. Durham. His sister Margaret married the testator's brother, Robert March.

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ship of my nephew John March, as also the custodie and use of the landes to him descending, unto my cosing William March, my whole intent and meaning is, that the said William shall not imploy the profittes of the said landes to any other use, than to the use and profitt of the said John, and that the said William shall not mary the said John, without the consent of Thomas Talbott and Anthony Byerley, nother shall take any benefitt of, or for, the mariage of the said John March. Jo. March.

Witnesses hereof, Anthoney Bierley, William March, Hercules Brabant.

Inv. March 10, 1590-1. Twentie of the best stottes 46*l.* xx stottes and whies 35*l.* xxiij stirckes, worthe 27*l.* iij kyne and an oxe 8*l.* ij stottes, goinge at Newbiggen, with Mr. Croser, 40s. cxl weathers 44*l.* lxxx ewes 26*l.* 13s. 4d. lxiij hogges 15*l.* 15s. xiij kyne, wherof v have calves, vij to calve, and j geld cowe, 30*l.* x calves 7*l.* vj stirckes 8*l.* 10s. xij oxen, prased 7*l.* per yocke, 42*l.* Graie Bonne and graie Nesum, tow coltes, 7*l.* Baie Cotesworthe and graie, two coltes, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. Graie Williamson and graie Bellabie, 5*l.* Baie Williamson and soard bundy, coltes, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. ij foles 40s. ij coltes, and ij filles, and j croked mare, 10*l.* An old gray bundy, and j crooked mare, 20s. v swine 26s. 8d. The graie stond horse, with the sotheren saddell, and the furniture, thereunto belonginge, 10*l.* One graie mare 5*l.* ij saddells 6s. 8d. Baie Barker 4*l.* 10s. One graie horse, goeinge at the West Leathes, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. *Corne praised as followeth.* Wheat and rie, in the barne and staggarthe, 24*l.* Wheat and rie, groweinge in the feldes, 28*l.* Ottes and pease, about the house, buried and unburyed, 16*l.* *Ploughes and waynes with ther appurtenances.* Thre ploughes, iij horse harrowes, ij pare of stinges, ij longe waynes, ij payr of wheals, j pare of bound wheales, viij iron yookes, viij temes, ij coupe waines, xij pare of heaudes and sheates, iij pare of handles and stiltes, ij pare of assell nailes, ij couters, and ij sockes, ij pare of lin pynnes, j pare of wayne ropes, ij iron forkes, ij muck forkes, j shoule, j spad, j muck hacke, j ax, iij new assell nales, iiij beames, and a cole wayne, with other trifels, 6*l.* *In the hall.* Five buffett stooles, ij oversea chairs, j dresser, vj grene quishons, vj thrombe quisshings, 30s. 8d. *In the chamber over the parlor.* One twilt 10s. j woolen coveringe 2s. ij blankettes 4s. j featherbedd, j bolster and ij coddes, 26s. 8d. v curtens, of saye and purple, 6s. 8d. j truncke 3s. 4d. j standinge table 3s. 4d. j covered chiste 3s. 4d. j great truncke 5s. j Danske chiste 6s. 8d. iij pare of large sheates 20s. vij pare of lesser lynne sheates 35s. iiij payer of courser sheates 10s. ij lynnen table clothes 10s. vj shorter table

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clothes 10s. Two dosen fine napkins 12s. One dozen frenged napkins 8s. One dosen of courser napkings 6s. v hand towells 16d. viij pillobers 8s. viij yards of fine lynne 10s. 8d. xxxij yeards of unbleached lynne 32s. xix yeards of harden, at 5d. per yeard, is 7s. 11d. ix yeards of courser harden, at 3d. per yeard, is 2s. 3d. One old hanger, of tapesterie worke, 12s. 4d. *In the inner chamber.* Two featherbeddes, j boulster, and ij pillows, 33s. 4d. One old tapesterie coverlete 8s. ij coverletes 8s. ij blancketes 4s. j bedstead, with curtinges and hangeings, of read and greane wollen, 13s. 4d. ij blanckettes and coverledes, and j oversea bed, togeather 12s. j featherbedd, j bolster, and a pillowe, 13s. 4d. j old bedstead 2s. j staffe, with a hammer on the ende, 12d. *In the lowe parlore.* Two featherbeddes, j matteras, ij bowlsters, and ij pillowes, 53s. 4d. ij blanckettes 5s. j Irishe rugge 6s. 8d. j coverlet 5s. v courteinges and hangers, of greane and read saye, 13s. 4d. j beddstead, with a foot forme, 10s. j trindell bedd 2s. 6d. j featherbedd, j matteras, j bowlster, and ij pillowes, 20s. ij blankettes 2s. 6d. ij coverlettes 3s. 4d. j Ireshe read mantell 3s. 4d. j draweinge cubbord, and j standinge table, 10s. j great coffer, and a lesser, 6s. 8d. j paire of plainge tables 18d. *In the nurserie.* One featherbedd, j bolster, 20s. j twilt 5s. ij coverlettes and ij blanckettes, 6s. j bedstead 6s. j little featherbedd, j matteras, iij bolsters, 13s. 4d. ij blancketes 4s. ij old coverletes 2s. j lyttell oversea bedd 4s. j trindell bedde 2s. j old almerie 2s. iij carpinge table cloths 17s. *Pewter vessells.* Two great chargers, with ij py plates, 5s. xiiij dublers 21s. vj pewter dishes 6s. vij lesser dyshes 5s. 10d. vj lesser dishes, at 6d. per peace, 3s. viij potten dishes 3s. vj potten dishes, with eares, 18d. viij sawcers 2s. iij old basinges, and iij old dublers, 4s. ij saltes, j little uewer, j tinne goblett, 3s. 4d. j lyttlle morter and a pestell 20d. j great morter and a pestille 6s. 8d. vj candlesticks 6s. iiij chamber pottes 5s. v blacke jackes 13s. *In the kitchin.* One great brasse potte 7s. j middle brasse potte 3s. j littelle brasse potte 12d. ij caldrens, and iij kettels, 40s. vj speates 10s. j droppeinge pan, j fryinge pan, and a pare of broylleinge irons, 3s. ij paire of tonges, j iron shoule, iij rackinge crookes, ij fleshe crookes, 5s. 6d. ij pare of pott-clipes 8d. iij skealles, and iij dozen trenchers, 20d. j pare of iron rackes 16d. *In the brakine housse.* Implementes belongeinge to the brewhousse 13s. 4d. *In the seller.* Thre emptie hogesheads, v empte barrels, j kimlinge, with a lyttell powthered beafe, 20s. Dryed beaffe and bacon 30s. *In the loftes above the housse.* Woolle 5s. j bushell of beannes and peayes 3s. 4d. xl morte skines 23s. 4d. ij empte hogsheads

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12d. viij bowles of barlie malt 2*l.* 13s. 4d. lx hearings 16d. xvj drie lings 13s. 4d. Somme is 5*l.* 8d. Two turkie cokes and hennes 5s. Other pullenne about the housse 5s. Apparill at Redworth 5*l.* iiij hanckes of lin yarne, and iiij hanckes of harden yarne, 4s. 6d. Heckled lynte and unheckled 20s. vj pound of pepper 20s.

Mar. 26. *Goodes prased, beinge at Newcastell.* One neste of goblettes, parcell gylte, with a cover, weighinge lix ounces, att 5s. per ounce, 14*l.* 17s. 6d. j salte, with a cover, parcell gilt, weinge xxvij ounces, iiij silver couppes, parcell gylt, weinge xxxij ounces, ij is togeather lix ounces, att 5s. per ounce, 14*l.* 17s. 6d. j lytle salt, parcell gilt, weinge vj ounces ¾, wourthe 4s. per ounce, 27s. j gylted potte, weinge xij ounces ¼, at 5s. per ounce, 3*l.* 1s. 3d. j lyttell silver potte, weyeinge ix ounces ½, at 4s. 6d. per ounce, 1*l.* 17s. xiij appostels spones, weinge xxvj ounces ½, at 4s. 6d., 5*l.* 19s. 3d. xij sylver spones, weighinge xiij ounces, at 4s. per ounce, 3*l.* 1s. j sylver taister 10s. Apparell 6*l.* 5s. 4d. *In George Liddel's house.* Eighte bowles of baie salt 12s. j saddle 6s. 8d. *In the house in the Close.* One standeinge bedd, in the forre chamber, 20s. j chimney, in the halle, 13s. 4d. j longe table, of firre, 10s. ij hundred of hoppes 3*l.* liij stone ½ of beaffe 53s. 2d. j balke and scalle 10s. vj hundred weight of iron and lead, lyttell and greate, 30s. xvij dayles 8s. 6d. lx broken wyspes of glasse 3s. j hogeshead of read wyne 4*l.* xl salte fyshe 13s. 4d. Ropes and canves 6s. 8d. j barrell of pytche 5s. 4d. j bedstead, in the chamber over the kitchen, 6s. 8d. In the lofte, xxvij dayles 18s. iij lyttell waynskottes 2s. 6d. j old almerye, in the kitchin, 6s. 8d. j Danske chiste 13s. 4d. j lyttell coffer, banded with iron, 5s. j whyt caresaie 20s. *In a seller of Mr. Barker's.* One hogeshead of tuynte 4*l.* vj chalders, vj peckes of whyt rye, at 5s. 8d. per boulle, 30*l.* 17s. 8d. v bowles of malt 30s. vj tapestrie cushons 40s. The lease of the house in the Closse, for *(blank)* yeares to come, *(blank.)* The quarter parte of the newe Johne 38*l.* *Debtes owinge, as per bonds and billes appearethe.* One bond wherin Mr. Croiser is indebted, due Feb. 2, 140*l.* One annuitie of Richard Brasse, for vij yeares to come, at 11*l.* per yeare, is 77*l.* Thre bonds of Annis Johnson and Thomas Punshon 17*l.* 13s. 4d. One bonde of John Lisley, alias Lyle, due at Candlemas, 10*l.* One bond of Anthony Bucke and Nycholas Tailer, miler, due at Mychaelmas, 85, 1*l.* 17s. 4d. One bill of William Barnes, of Bedburne parke, due at Martenmas, 4*l.* One bill of Johne Kinge, due at Penticost, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. A bill of Thomas Robesone, due att Candelmas, in anno 1590, 40s. One byll of Emanuell Barnes, due at Easter 1595, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. One bill of Thomas Bainbrigges, due at

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Mychelmas in anno 88, 30s. One bill of John Vasie, of Witton upon Weare, and Henry Blacket, of the Hole housse, due at Martenmas 90, 4*l.* One bond of James Bertram, due May 1, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. One bonde of William Lawe and Anthony Lawes, due Nov. 11, 91, 10*l.* One bond of William Lawe and Anthony Lawe, due May 13, 91, 10*l.* Anthony Marley, of Birtlye, his bill, due at Candlemas, 91, 4*l.* One bill of Henry Thompson's, of Yarme, due at St. Thomas th'appostell, 90, 25*l.* 11s. 3d. One bill of John Atkinson's of Yarme, due June 20, 89, 13*l.* 10s. One bill of Francis Perkinson's, of Whessou, due at Mydsomer, in 89, 11*l.* 5. One bill of John Thompson's, William Thompson's and John Younger, due at Martenmas paste, 6*l.* 10s. One account of Rychard Stottes, mayd att Elvinge, 1590, wherby ther is resteinge oweinge in the easte countrye 378 florence, is in Englishe money 75*l.* 12s., more 20*l.*, which is sett over by exchynge, somme togeather is 95*l.* 12s., all other accomptes and reckinings beinge cleare from the beginninge till this present. One bill of William Williamson's, of Bushope Awckland, due at St. Andrew day, 90, for 5*l.*, wherof paid 3*l.*, restes 2*l.* *Money receveid for wine.* Of William Baker, of Durham, 14*l.* Of Raiphe Bailes, of Bushop Auckland, 10*l.* Of John Rangell, of Durham, 8*l.* Of Mr. Robert Atkinson, for wyne, j hogeshead, 5*l.* Of John Selby, for j hogeshead, 5*l.* 5s. *Money recevied for lint.* The whole sum is 121*l.* 6s. 11d. Money receaved for rie that was sould, before Mr. March his departure, 22*l.* 2s. Robert Brandlinge a laste of lint 28*l.* Richard Stote half a laste 14*l.* Reconed with George Liddell, according to Mr. March's will, ther was founde due to the executors, for Mr. Marche, 5*l.* 5s. 8d. John Wyghame 15*l.* Receyved of Franncis Oswould, by the order of the courte of twelve men, 3*l.* 17s., and 9s. for charges, 4*l.* 6s. William Ademson, for ij stottes, 10*l.* Of George Lacells 10*l.* Of Mr. Perkinson, for Whessoe, 400*l.* In redy monie 240*l.* Henrye Eldreth, of Leedes, clothier, for rie, 23*l.*

Totall of all goodes, with monye receyved, 2030*l.* 9s. 10d. ✠

A note* of accompt of the goodes, chattels and credittes of Robert Barker, late of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, alderman, deceased, maid by the said John March, the testator, being tutor to John Barker, one of the sonnes and executors of the said Robert Barker, the 21st of February, 1590.

In declaration of my will, heretofor maid, these may testifye, that whereas, by takinge the tuycon upon me of John Barker,

* This account seems to find its proper place at the end of John March's inventory, rather than as an appendage to Robert Barker's will, to which it is now affixed in the registry. The reader is referred to that will, which is printed p. 176.

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one of the executors of my uncle, Mr. Robert Barker, his will, and of some other his children, I have entered upon my said uncle's goodes, conteynid in the inventory thereof maid, and exhibited to the ordinary, amounting to 2807*l.* 8s., or thereabout, his debtes excepted, which debtes (as also may appeare by the said inventory) doe amount to the sume of 708*l.* 12s., as apperaith by his bondes, bill and debt book. Of which debtes, I have to the best of my remembrance, before the dait hereof, receyved as followith. Of Mr. William Hodgeson and Nicholas Hedley, by vertew of a bond, now cancelled and delivered to them, 300*l.* Of one Reynold Dobson, of Bernard castle, upon a bill now delivered to him, due for wyne, 20*l.* Of Townesend and Catherick, of Darlington, upon a bill and debt book, dew for lint, 16*l.*, or therabout. If I have receyved any other debtes, then before mensoned, the receipt thereof will appeare, by the aforesaid inventory, and by my owne handwritinge, sett downe in myne uncle Barker's debt book, lyeinge in his hall at Newcastle, in a dresser ther, the key whereof is in a pulke, in the perlor. The specialties, for all his other debtes, doe remayne with his bookes, in his newe house at Newcastle. Of the goodes within the said inventorie, I have alienated as followes. The carseis menconed in the inventorie, balanced to 60*l.* The lxxx stone of bad flax, which, with the said carseis, I sent to Burdus, the flax is valewed in the inventorie, as therein appeareth, to which I referre myself. Some iron, delivered by my servant John Cock, for which he will accompt. Also my said servant Cock must make accompt for the profitts of the cooles, saving for so much as I have receyved in accompt from William Mallaburne, which remayneth under his hand and myne at Newcastle. Payed by me, out of myne uncle's said goodes, as followeth. To Mr. Robert Atkinson, in part of payment of the porcons of Robert and Susanne Barker, under his tuicon, 200*l.* or therabout. To George Leddle, in payment of the porcon of Jane Barker, 300*l.* In legacies, as appeareth by the lists of the recept thereof, 163*l.*, or therabout. Paid in debtes, which were dew, before his death, for freight and other thinges, 130*l.* 19s. 6d. For his funerall expenses 68*l.* 2s. 10d. The rest of Mr. Barker's goodes remayne at Newcastle in his house.

A note of such money as was myne uncle Barker's, lent gratis. Mr. Henry Anderson 100*l.* Mr. Henry Midforth 100*l.* Mr. Raph Lawson 50*l.* Nicholas Hedley 50*l.* Mr. Riddell 20*l.* Anthony Welbury 20*l.* Mr. Farnaby 60*l.* Wher George Lassels owes me, of an old debt, as appearis by his *(blank)*, 20*l.*, or therupon, more that I lent him, as appearis in my book, 40s., whereof John March was at bord with him a yeare and a half

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or thereupon, which I am owing him for. George Liddell owes me two lastes of flax, whereof I have receyved vij hogsheads of wyne, as it came forth of the ship, more he paid, for John Barker's chardges to London, 6*l.*, one roundlet of basterd 15s., I had one tunne of wyne of him, the year before I paid him 14*l.*, for the same, 40s. for freght, 40s. for impost, the lekkege in myne owne hand, by estimation, 26s., or thereupon. I rest to him by a reckening thre yeares and more a cc florens, that is to say, in English monye, 20*l.*, whereof he owes me half a last of flax, saving xxx stone, which he delivered me. That Thomas Hucheson had certaine terre, he owes me the rest of a reckening for c quarters of barley, betwixt myne uncle Barker, myself and hisself, he knowes that better then I, and one white horse he sold for 5*l.*, and one barrell of prones, of the weight of thre hundrethe, or thereupon, the cause was he said he knew not the weight of the barrell. I thinke I owe him for my parte of his chardge into Norfolk, thus my will is, let him have 2d. of myne, before I have one of his. I have remayning in the east country, that I have no bill for, 75*l.*, or thereaupon, as Richard Stott knowes. John Wekam restes unpaid, that is to be paid within thre weekes, 15*l.* Monye lying by Mr. Farnaby, (if Mr. Riddell have his 100*l.*), 200*l.*, or thereupon, as appears by the tickettes, in the little chist, within an other chist, in under the buttery, 200*l.*, or thereupon, which I doe meane for Mr. Atkinson, the rest according to the trew meaninge to be paid ratably, forth of the goodes, as it ought to be, alloweng for the losse in weight and measure, according to his porcon.

JOHN MARCH.

Written in the presence of Edward Hutton and Thomas King. And also on the backside of the same note or schedale written by John March in his owne hand, I forgive James Bartram 3*l.* 6s. 8d.

JOHN MARCH.

An inventorie* of all the funerall expenses and other disbursinges, laid forthe by Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Farnabie, about the debttes, which Mr. John Marche did owe, for collectinge of debtes dewe to him, and for the execution and approvings of his will.

* The document, from which the following, and most interesting, extracts are taken, and which is annexed, in the registry, to the will of Robert Atkinson, is a very lengthy one, and shews that the collecting of Mr. March's debts was neither an easy nor inexpensive process. Legal proceedings had to be taken against a great number of the debtors, and no trifling sums were paid to "Johne Cocke and Christer Clarke" for horsehire and expenses, when they were employed in gathering in the debts, from many, and widely-distant, places.

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To the vicker, for his bureall, 3s. 4d. To the clark 1s. For a lair-stonn 3s. 4d. For a sarmonde 6s. 8d. For xxxvij mease and a hallf of neighbours, at the arvell dynner, 3*l.* 15d. For the cherges of xij mease, that dyned at his owen house, 2*l.* 8d. For probaitinge of the will 2s. 6d. For probate bondes and regestring 16s. 4d. For relapsinge of the sequestration 5s. 2d. To the regestere 6s. 4d. For engrossing his will, twice unto paipar, after unto parchment, 1*l.* 10s. To Mr. chancler, for his cherges, with the registers and the witnesses, 1*l.* 10s. For the coppie of the will, under the regester's hande, 13s. 4d. A tewesion of John Barker to Mr. chancler 6s. 8d. To the register bonde and clarke 8s. To Mr. chancler's man, for vij sealles, 1s. 2d. For Trotter's bonde and acquittance 2s. For John Kinge his feese 5s. 4d. To him and Thomas Kyrye, for ther forther paines, 10s. For teathes woull of cxl weathers and lx hogges 1*l.* 5s. For the bealdinge of a poullpitt and a stall, in a convenyente plaice, for the preacher, 1*l.* 6s. 8d. *Paid by Mr. Farnaby at Durham about the codycell, having John Cocke and Christer Clarke.* For our souppers and wyne 5s. 6d. For our dynners 6s. 8d. For horse meate 6s. For iij hired horses 6s. To Mr. Horselaie, for his counsell about Isacke Barker his tootershipp, 5s. For Mr. Farnabie's charges and his man's to Durham, when he went to Dr. Collmer, 6s. 8d. For ther dynner and horsemeate 6s. 8d. For our horse hier, ij daies, 4s. To Pattingson, for vij chyckinges, 1s. 7d. For j cocke 7d. For a capon 1s. 6d. For iiij gease 4s. For makinge a freasado cote 2s. For makinge a pare of hose 1s. 6d. To Christer Raine, for one paier of shooes, to Elizabeth Barker, 1s. 6d. For sewing one doussen napkinges 12s. For thread to sew them 2s. 6d. For j gyll of veolarium 5s. 4d. For iiij ounces of serpe vyolarium 1s. 4d. For j ounce of sack rosarium 8d. For fresh water fishe 4d. For iij pyntes of honye 2s. 3d. A marsement, because Mr. Marche would not be a connsteppell, 6s. 8d. To Mallie Gibson, for half a yere's wage, 8s. To Thomas Helbecke, for halfe a yere's wage, 15s. For ij paier of shooes to Clarke, for Susane Barker, 1s. 6d. For making ij petticots for them 10d. To Harrie Watson and Rayne, for washinge the beastes, xiiij daies, 6s. 8d. For makinge a saddell 1*l.* 4s. To Docter Collmer, for cominge over to prove Mr. Marche's will, 1*l.* To George Car, for to recover the goods loste in the gallyon Hodgshon, beinge 321*l.* 6s. 8d., after 14d. per pound, 18*l.* 15s. 4d. To Christer Clarke, for his hors hier and his owen charges, xiiij daies, at 12d. per daie, for going to Barnard castell and other places, about Mr. Marche's debtes, 14s. To him the same jurnaie, for his owen charges and his horse meat, 1*l.* 4s. For a writ 1s. 11d. For a letter missive

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1s. 10d. For turna fees of Henrie Blackett 3s. 4d. To the sherife of Bushop Auckland, for his fees, for servinge a letter of rebellyon of Dockter Barnes, 1s. 2d. A proclamation against Dr. Barnes 2s. 8d. For two swan penns, sent by Thomas Hunter, 2d. For ccc appells 6s. For ij fresh lynges 8s. 8d. For ij freshe coods 4s. 8d. For a turbot 6s. 8d. For ij sallmonds 5s. For shoing baie Berker and Baker's meare 6d. For iiij sallmonds, sent to Redworth, 19s. 10d. For j kaid of read hearinges 11s. For cc whit hearinges 6s. 10d. For j kagg of galls 9s. 6d. For one quaire of paiper, when we maid his inventorye, 4d. Mr. Eden, pothcarie, for sertainne drougges, bought of him to Mr. Marche, 1*l.* 16s. Thre slaiters and a boye, for one daie's worke, 2s. 6d. Paid at London, for John Cocke's fredom to the company for the east countre, and to the power man's boxe, 12s. For John Cocke's charges, for going to London, for his fredom, 2*l.* For John Cocke's boord, for iij yeres and odd tyme, and for his clothes, 10*l.* For the rent of Mr. Marche's house in Newcastle, for iiij years, 14*l.* 13s. 4d. For areasting xvj men in Stainthrop 2s. 8d.

LXXXVI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS HERON.

Dec. 5, 1590. John Hearon,* of Chipchase, within the countie of Northumberland. To Barbary, Margerye and Margarett Hearon, my daughters, to everie of them c markes. To Regynald, William and Walter Hearon, my sonnes, to every of them c markes. I will that Margery,† my wyffe, shall have the tuicion and kepinge of my sonnes, Walter and William, during ther nonage. To John Hearon,‡ my sonne, 66*l.* 13s. 4d. To

* The family of Heron, of Chipchase, was founded by Walter, son of Sir William Heron, of Ford, knight, who married Cecily, daughter of Sir John Lisle, of Chipchase, knight. The testator was the son of George Heron, by Marian, daughter of George Swinburne, of Edlingham, esq. He married Margery, daughter of Roger Swinburne, of Edlingham.

† Her will is dated Nov. 3, 1612. "Margerie Hearon, of Chipchase, widowe, late wiffe of John Hearon, esquier." She gives all her goods to Reynold Hearon her son, except 100*l.*, which she gives to her grandchild Anthony, son of her said son Reynold. Administration of her goods was granted March 19, 1613-4, to John Heron, her son. Her children, Walter, Margaret, wife of Thomas Salkeld, Dorothy Rames, widow, Barbara, wife of Hugh Ridley, and Isabella, wife of Michael Weldon, esq.

‡ His will is dated June 2, 1618, and was proved Jan. 19, 1618-9. "John Hearon, of Chipchase, gentleman. To my sone Cuthbert all my lande in Kirkheaton, exceptinge a howse, called Blackhall, which I give unto my wiffe Elizabeth. To my sone Thomas all my landes in Heathrington. To my sone John a tenement in Barrisford. To my sone Raphe my thirde parte of the Park-end. The rest to my sone George and daughter Dorathie, whom I make executors, and

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John, sonne unto Cuthbert Hearon, my sonne, 10*l.* a yere., to kepe him at schoole, and then for his maintenance, as longe as he liveth, also I give the saide John other 6*l.* 13s. 4d. yerely. To Walter, my sonne, the whole ferminge of Rowchester. To George,* my sonne, my dun horse. To Henrye and Robert Rames, to eache three whyes, of two yeres old. To William Rydley, the younger, 40*l.* To Cuthbert, sonne unto Cuthbert Hearon, my sonne, 60*l.* To William, sonne unto Michaell Welden, 60*l.* To John, sonne unto William Vaux, 60*l.* To George Thirlwall 10*l.* To Reginalde Hollande 40s. To Oswould Hearon, my servante, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. yerely, to be paide him oute of the rentes of Whelpington and Raye. To James Hearon, my servante, 40s. To Thomas Ridley, my servante, 40s. To Cuthbert Dodd, and Nicholas Thomson, my servantes, 13s. 4d. a pece. To Patricke Watson, my servante, the closes whiche were John Frater's, duringe his liffe. The rest to Margerie, my wiffe, whom I make executrix, and I appoint Raphe Gray, of Chillingham, and William Rydley, of Willymonteswicke, esquieres, supervisors. [Pr. June 19, 1591.]

LXXXVII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ BLAKISTON, CLERICI.

Aug. 13, 1590. Thomas Blakeston,† layt parson of Dyttynsall, in the countye of Durham. To my nephew, Raiphe Blakeston,‡ of Farnton haule, 10*l.* To my nece, wedow Fullthorp,§ 4*l.* To my nece, Ayls Blakeston, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my nece, Anne Bewick, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my nephew, Rychard Gybson, of Hexham, 10*l.* To my nephew, Thomas Gybson, 6*l.*

I make my brother Cuthbert, John Hearon, of Birtley hall, and Tristram Fenwick, of Kenton, supervisors. I give my sone Cuthbert and his goodes to my brother Cuthbert, and my daughter Dorathie to my sister in Chipchase."

* Administration of the goods of George Heron, of Chipchase, was granted Jan. 22, 1591-2, to his brother, John Heron.

† Son of Thomas Blakiston, a cadet of the house of Blakiston, of Blakiston, and his wife, a daughter of William Lawson, of Washington, and brother of George Blakiston, who purchased Farnton hall, par. Bishop Wearmouth, co. Durham. He was appointed to the rectory of Dinsdale in 1571.

‡ His will is dated Aug. 5, 1596. Describes himself of Farnton hall. He desires burial in Bishop Wermouth church, among his ancestors. To his son Thomas he gives 13*l.* 6s. 8d. To his sons George and Joseph 20*l.* a piece. The rest, which he can bequeath by law, to his daughters, Sarah and Alice, equally between them, and he makes them executors. His wife Elizabeth to enjoy the lease of Farnton hall, during her widowhood, and after to go to his son John. To his daughter Jane 3*l.* 6s. 8d., yearly for life, out of Stobilie. To Dorothy Fowthorpe, and to each of her sisters, 10s. a peice. To each of his own sisters 40s. His goods and debts amounted to 252*l.* 11s. 1d., and he owed 18*l.* 15s. 6d.

§ Joan, formerly wife of Simon Fulthorpe, of Silkesworth.

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To my nephew, Ranold Gybson, 6*l.* To my nephew, Edmond Gybson, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my nephew, William Gybson, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my nephew, Roger Bainbrigg, for on token, 10s. To my nephew, Georg Bainbrigg, 10*l.* To my nephew, Thomas Bainbrig, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my nece, Anne Bainbrigg, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Ayles, dowghter to Mr. Robart Place, of Dynsdale, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my cosing, Doritie Fullthorp, 3*l.* 6s. 8d To the poore, impotent and most nedfull persones of the parishe of Bishope Wermouth, wher I was borne, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. All which legases, herin wrytten, I will to be payed out of the somme of 80*l.*, whereof 40*l.* remains in my nephew Rychard Gibson's hands, of Hexam, as by specialltye apperith, which I have in my custodie, and also 10*l.* remanes in my nephew Raiphe Blakstone's handes, of Farnton haull, as also by specialltie apperith, which remanes in my hands. The rest of my goods, not bequeathed, I gyve unto my nephewes, Raiph Blakeston and Rychard Gybson, whom I make my executors, and of the execution of the same, I make Mr. Docter Pylkington supervisor and oversere, and I gyve to him 10s. I gyv to my nece Margaret Bell's children, layt of Hexham, videlicet, Esabell, Margry and Anne Bell, 3*l.* 10s.* [Pr. Aug. 14. 1591.]

Inv. June 8, 1591. His best gowne 40s. Another olde gowne 6s. 8d. A cloke 20s. His best coote 10s. ij olde cootes 5s. ij dublets 8s. ij paire of black cloth britches, with ij paire of stockinges, 13s. 4d. A paire of olde britshes, with a

* To complete these Blakiston testaments, I give the wills of his brother Ralph, and of his nephew John, son of his brother George Blakiston.

I. Aug. 19, 1573. "Raphe Blaxton, of Silksworth, gentleman. To be buried in the church of Bushop Wermouthe. To my wife Jaine the lease of the fermeholde, in whiche I nowe dwell, which I have from Mr. John Sayre. To Anne Bewicke, my sister's doughter, 7*l.* To Symond Fulthroppe's boye Christofer, which he had by my cosinge, Joan Blaxton, 40s. To my nevie Raphe Blaxton an old angell, and the same to James Lisley, and to Robert, sonne to Mr. William Lawson. To Anne, my brother George's doughter, 20s. To Raphe Sayre, whiche I have in my howse, an old angell. To everie one of my brother Roger Bainbrige's children, whiche he had by my sister Margaret, the elder excepted, 3s. 4d. To everie of my brother Richarde Gibsone's children, Richarde excepted, 3s. 4d. My wife executor, and Mr. William Lawson and Mr. Roberte Lisley supervisores. I am indebted to my brother, Thomas Blaxton, 33s. 4d." [Pr. May 8, 1574.]

II. Sept. 19, 1587. "John Blaykston, of Ferntoue hall. To be buryed in my parishe churche, besyde my elders. To the poore of my parishe vj weather shepe and a tuppe. To my brother Mr. Raphe Blaykston ij weather shepe. To John, Thomas, George, and Joseph Blaykstone, my nephewes, to everie of them 30s. To Nicholas Hobson a blacke cloake, in the handes of Raphe Wilson, of Seaton. To Isabell Crawe xj ewes, at Silksworthe. To Thomas Herrison a graye jirkin, and a graye pare of britches. To Thomas Parkin one cut dublet, of canvice, and a pare of blacke britches. To Edwarde Howdon my best dublet and my best jerkin. To Edwarde Hedsmaghe a pare of graye britches, and a pare of white stockinges. The reast of my goodes etc., to Isabell Crawe, whom I make executrix."

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paire of stockinges, 12d. A cotte, waistcote, and a paire of whyte stockinges, 18d. j hatt and a night cape 2s. A fetherbede, and matryse, a bowelster, and a code, 26s. 8d. iiij coverlettes, and j paire of blanckettes, 10s. iij lyning sheetes, and j cod pillober, 10s. v coursser sheetes 8s. A litel bowdshett, with a locke, 16d. Certaine litle bookes 5s. *A note of obligacions and specialties.* One obligacion of Richard Gibson 40*l.* A bond of Edward Hudspethe, of Durham, 30*l.* A bonde of Raphe Blakstone, of Thorntone hall, 10*l.* A bonde of Robarte Prenttice, clarke, person of Whitworth, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. A bill of George Bainbrigge 13*l.* 6s. 8d., and more, as doth appeare by a memorandum in the saide bill, 40s. One bill of John Manarte 59s. One bill of George Cuthbarte 20s. Summa 102*l.* 12s. 4d. ✠

LXXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM CHRISTOFERI CHAYTOR.

Apr. 13, 1592. Christopher Chaitor,* of Butterbye, in the countye of Durham, esquier. To be buried in St. Oswold's churche, in Durham, so nighe, as convenientlie maye be, unto

* A name which occurs *passim* in the records from which the present volume has been compiled, for Christopher Chaytor was registrar of the consistory court of Durham. He was the son of a Newcastle merchant, John Chaytor, and had originally been in the service of the great Duke of Somerset; he held, under the crown, the surveyor-generalship in the northern counties, and through his offices became a wealthy man. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Clervaux, of Croft, co. York, esq., and ultimately heir to her brothers John and Richard, and representative of the ancient family of Clervaux. He bought the estate of Butterby of John, lord Lumley, and was succeeded in that, as well as in his offices, by his second son Thomas. The old house at Butterby, somewhat altered, still remains, with its gateway and moat, surrounding the house, offices, and garden, an interesting example of the manor house of the sixteenth century.

I print, from the registry at York, the will of Peter Chator, of Newcastle-upon-tyne, merchant, probably a collateral ancestor of Christopher Chaytor. Apr. 23, 1541. "To be buryed in St. Nycolas churche, ther as my wyffe and children doth lye. To the reparacyons of the churche workes a fuder of leade. Wheras moche goode amyte, and love hayth beyn betwixt James Lawson, maistre mayre of Newcastel, and me, and dyvers reckninges hanginge, not yet clerly fynished, so that I thynk, so nyghe as my consciens dothe serve me, I am indebted to hyme 4*l.*, or some more, at the most yt passyth not 5*l.*, and in contentacyon and pament of the saide sume, and most partlye for the good love I bare towardes hym, I geve hyme my beste gowne, faced throughe with marterons. To my cosyng, his wyffe, a gowlde ryng. To my sone Nycoles Chator, yffe he cumme to this cowntre, after an honest sorte, 5*l.*, and to my maistres Johan Colyer iiij or v yerdes of the fynest blake cloathe in my shope, to mayke hir a cloke. My brother-in-lawe Roberte Stevenson and my sister, his wiffe. To my brother Bartholemew Be a gowne, faced with fornes, and a velvett dublett. To my brother Roberte Brygham a gowne, faced with foxe, or with fyches, and a velvett dublett. The reste to my doughter Helen Chator, whom I make executore, and my mother-in-lawe and Mrs. Brygham I make gardianes of hir. To John Chaytor (possibly the father of Christopher Chaytor) a gowne. My godsone Charles Chator."

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my lovinge wiffe, trusting and faithfullie beleiving, that wee shall arise againe, at the last daie, to joie everlastinge, amen. To the poore of St. Oswold's parishe 3*l.* To the poore of the reste of the parishes, in Durham, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To the poore in Croxdaile parishe 10s. To the poore in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the parishe of St. Andrewe's, wher I was borne, 40s. To my neece, Margaret Kinge, 20s., and I give her the 4*l.*, whiche I disbursed to John Lions, for a lease to her use. To my eldest sonne Anthonie my signet of golde, with my armes engraven, besechinge God to blesse him, and to make him lovinge and kinde to his brethren and sisters. To my sonne Thomas a silver bowle, with a cover. I geve one silver bowle to my sonne Heughe, one to my daughter Staveley, one to my daughter Thornton, one to my daughter Franckland,* and one to my daughter Whitfeelde, whiche she hathe. To everie one of my children's children 6s. 8d., for a token, beseeching God to blesse them. Whereas I have given unto my sonne, Christofer, an annuitie of 6*l.* 13s. 4d., out of the manor of Butterbye, my mynde is, that if he do sell, give, or in anie maner put awaie the same, without consent of my executor, Thomas Chaitor, that then my bequest to be utterlye frustrate. Whereas I have geven by dede unto my sonne Thomas my manor of Butterbie, with the sotheren closes, to him and his heires for ever, my will is, that if he die without anie childe, of his bodie begotten, that then the said landes come to my sonne Heughe, and then to my right heires. And for that my sonne Anthonye is not naturall unto his brethren and sisters, nor obedient to me, and made me not privie to his last mariage,* nor of the assurance of his landes made to his wiffe, (God forgive him, and I pray God to blesse him,) therefore I doe give all those my houses, landes, meadowes &c., of Fathill and Crossfelde, within the countie of Yorke, unto my sonne Heughe and his heires, and for defaulte of suche, then to my sonne Thomas, then to Anthonye, then to Christofer, and then to my next heires. To my sonne Thomas my lease of the teethe, which I holde of the ladie Askewe. Whereas Mr. Clopton, esquier, her majestie's recevour, tolde me that I stande charged with 18*l.* of the rents of Thorpthewles, due to the queene's majestie, I have answered him, and so affirme now, that I ought not to be charged therewith, for I was the first that brought it in charge, and Mr. Robert Bowes,

* His son Anthony, who succeeded to the Clervaux estates, married first Margaret, daughter of William Witham, of Cliffe, co. York, esq., by whom he had no issue; and secondly, apparently against the wish of his father, Margery, daughter of William Thornton, of Newton, co. York, esq., by whom he left several children.

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threasorer of Berwicke, willed me to take it as my owne, of his grannt, and that he had it as conceiled, and Mr. auditor Spencer, and Mr. Clopton, recevor, have much more thereof in theire handes; and besides all this, by my letters pattentes of surveiore's office I hold, have had myne expences allowed by the recevor, which I have not had theise twentie yeares and more. Whereas the ladie Hilton is indebted to me 31*l.*, my will is, that myne executor shall bestowe the half thereof, on the most poore, needie and impotent folke in Durham and Newcastle, and other places as shall seem good to him, and the rest I give to myne executor, whereof I require, that he returne her backe againe 6*l.* John Wall, of Durham, is owen me 20s. I geve unto George Hutcheson 10s. To my gossip, John Wall, and to my godsonne, Henrie Wall, 10s., and to his wiffe 5s. To my olde freinde, Mr. Lockwoode, one angell noble, to Mrs. Clopton one old ryall, to hir daughter, my wiffe, Alice,* one angell. To Miles White a crowne of gold, or 5s. To Mr. John Clopton my white mare. To my daughter, Heline, my golde ringe, with the turkas, that was my master the late Duke of Somersett's. To Richard Bowtflower 20s. To John Herrison 10s., and to everie of the rest of the servinge men, at the houre of my death, 6s. 8d., and to the plewemen 3s. 4d., and to everie woman servannt 3s. 4d., and to the two boies 3s. 4d. a peece. To my gossip, Edward Hudspeth, an angell, and to John Frinde, that was my servannt, 6s. 8d. I make Mr. John Clopton, of Sledwish, supervisor, desyring him to give good councell to my children, that they may, ech of them, love and favor one and other, whereby God maye heepe His blessinges and mercies upon them, as my trust is He will, for His mercie's sake. To my verie good lorde, the lorde bushope of Durhame, one spurre ryall, to my worshippfull frende, Mr. deane of Durham, the same, to Mrs. Matthewe one angell, to Mr. Doctor Colmor one angell, and to his sonne, my godsonne, a French crowne, and to my good frende, Mr. John Heath, esquier, one angell. To Thomas Kinge one angell. The remainder to my sonne and executor, Thomas Chaitor. [Pr. May 27, 1592.]

LXXXIX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS DENT.

Sep. 18, 1592. In the name of the Father, of the Sone, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I John Dent,† of Pearsbridge,

* The term wife was, perhaps, merely an expression of affection towards the child of an old friend.

† Of Colby, in Cleveland. He married Mary, daughter of Anthony Brakenbury, of Selaby, esq.

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within the diocesse of Durham, gentleman, being, at this tyme, sicke and visited in bodie, by the hand of Almighty God, yet whole and perfect in minde and remembrance, His holie name be praised for it, doe ordaine and make this my testament, containeinge therein my last will, in maner and forme followenge, if it please my Heavenly Father to call me to His mercie at this tyme. First, I doe bequeath my sowlle into His gloryous handes, and with an assured fath, trust and confidence, that He will vouchsafe, of His infinite mercy, throughe the merittes and mediacon of His Sonne, Jesus Christe, to receave the same into blisse, in His heavenly kingdom. And for my body, I bequeath it unto earth, from whence it came, nothinge doubtinge of a joyfull resurection thereof, at the last daie. For my temporall goodes, wherewith God hath blessed me, in this world, I doe give and bequeath them as followeth. I give unto my sonne William Dent* all the insight beddinge and furniture, within or about my howsse, in Pearsbridge, or elswhere, together with all ploughes and all plough-geare, pertaininge to husbandrie, and all other implementes, about my howsse, according to my former intent and meaninge, at his first mariage. I geve more unto my sonne William 26*l.* 13s. 4d., upon condicion, that he shall, yearely, paye unto my sonne Thomas, nowe student in Oxeford, v markes, during his life naturall, and if it please God, that my sonne Thomas doe survive my sonne William, then I will, that the executors of my said sonne William shall paie unto the said Thomas, the whole summe of xl markes, if my sonne William leaves after him no issew male. I give to Henry Watson, my sonne-in-lawe, 10*l.* 13s. 4d. To William Jackson, of Bishoppe Midlam, my sonne-in-lawe, 10*l.* 13s. 4d. To my two daughters, Katherine and Myryall, one silver spone a pees. To my daughter-in-lawe Anne Dent† my bay nagge. To my sone William my own greatest silver spone. My sonne William to discharge all my debtes, forth of my rentes of Cowlby, due at Martinmas next, and to have the residewe of the sume to himself. To Henry Wilkinson one of my three stirkes. The rest of my goodes &c., to my sonne William, whom, with my nevey Mr.

* He made a nuncupative will, Nov. 12, 1596. "He willed the lease of his farme &c., in Pearsbrigge, to all his doughters and his yonger sone, for there education, during there minoritie, provided if his elder sone pay the doughters and yonger sone cc markes, at the end of xv yeres, then he to have the saide farme. His wife Anne to have the education of his children, but if she marie, then his welbeloved frendes and kinsmen, Christofer Place, Christofer Allanson, Nicholas Hilton and Lancelot Hilton, to have the charge of them. The rest to his doughters and yonger sone, whom with his wife he made executores." Administration was granted, April 19, 1597, to his wife, and children, Mary, Dorothy, Ellen, Anne and William.

† Daughter of Robert Place, of Dinsdale, co. Durham, esq.

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Nicholas Hilton,* parson of Hurwerth, I make executore. Witnesses, Wylliam Dent, Nicholas Hilton, Lancelot Hilton, John Cradock, clark.

XC. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI BOOTH.†

Credo quod redemptor meus vivit. Emanuel.

Nov. 30, 1586. Robert Booth,‡ of Old Durham, gentleman. My bodye to be buryed in St. Oswald church, nigh Durham. To the poore people and needy of Durham, and the owte streates, nigh therto or adjoyninge, 4*l.*, and to the needy prisoners in the gaole therof 20s. To my brother Richard Booth, for a token of remembrance, one angell. To every of my owne sisters, for a token likewise, one Englishe crowne. To my sister Swinburne's§ children the grasse or gaite of one milke-cowe, att Houghall, amongst the kyen their, duringe my lease therof. I give my farmholde of Old Durham aforsaid, and my farme of Houghall, together with all my leases thereof, to my wellbeloved brethren Henry Billingham, George Laiton and Richard Booth, to the use of my wellbeloved wife Catheren, duringe all the yeares therin to come, if she shall so longe live, and be unmaried, or kep hir wedowe, and if she marye or dye, then they to have the same to the use of Richard, Henry, Ellioner, Thomasine, Elizabeth, Anne and Mary Booth, my children. To my said brother Richard Booth, out of my landes of Hurworth, one anuitie of 7*l.*

* Son of Thomas Hilton, of Hilton, co. Westmerland, esq., by his wife Catharine, daughter of Anthony Brakenbury, of Selaby, esq. He was vicar of Sockburn and rector of Hurworth, co. Durham.

† On the back, in the testator's own hand, is written, "Verum ac solum ultimum testamentum Roberti Booth, generosi, manu propria scriptum. In quo ostenditur quid post mortem suam fieri vellet de corpore ab amicis, anima emigrata, de bonis, cattallis, terris ac tenementis."

‡ The testator was descended from Richard Booth, a nephew of Lawrence Booth, bishop of Durham, of an ancient family in the county of Lancaster, who settled at Old Durham, under the patronage of his uncle. He was a son of Roger Booth, by Grace Bayley, and married Catherine, daughter of William Layton, of Sproxton, co. York, esq.

I know not what relation Thomas Boothe, of Durham, was to the testator, but he was probably of his kin. His will is dated Sep. 20, 1563. "To be buryed in the cathedral churche, nighe unto my wyff. To the petti-canons, for my buryall, 12d. a pece. To the singinge-men 8d. To the choristers 4d. To Mr. Brimley, maister of the choristers, and to the gospeller and pistoller, 12d. a pece. To Alice Skirro, Agnes Porter and Barbara Conyers, 13s. 4d. a pece. To Ambrose Swynburn 20s. To the Bowe churche my best surplice. To the prisoners in the gaole 16s. 8d. To the poore folkes of the parishe where I dwell 13s. To Mr. parson Baxter 12s. To Mr. Robert Hall one yoken dall, and the same to Mr. John Hall. To Margarett Patersone, my howsekepere, an olde fetherbed, twoe olde pyllowes, and the lynte towe I have in my howse. To Agnes, dowghter of Robert Porter, my best almerye. To John Smith and Roberte Warke, for ringinge, 12d. a pece. The rest to my sister Margarett, lady Constable."

§ Isabel, the wife of John Swinburne, of Wylam, co. Northumberland, gent.

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To my said wife Katherine, all my landes in Hurworth aforesaid, during her natural life, and after her death, to my sonne Richard, and the heires mailes of his body, and for default of such issew, to my sonne Henry, then to the heires male of me the said Robert Booth, then to my brother Richard Booth, and then to the right heires of me the said Robert Booth, for ever, according to a ded in the custodye of my cozen Christofer Ratcliffe,* of Newton Hansell. And if it shall fortune my said brother Richard to have the landes of Hurworth, then he shall paie to my daughters aforesaid, then living, 200*l.* All my other goodes and chattels to my said wife and children, whom I make executors, prayinge my brethren aforsaid to be providinge and foreseinge to the trew and faithfull execution of this my will, to whom, by way of remembrance, I give to everie of them one Frenche crowne. Scriptum die, mense et anno dictis, per me Robert Booth, manu propria. Witnesses, Roger Swinburne, John Swinburn, and Symone Cowling.

Laus Deo, qui dedit presenti velle, dat sequentibus perficere. Telos.

This codycyll, mayd the thyrde day of Marche, by Mr. Robert Boothe, anno domini 1590, ys the publyshing and confirming of my last will and testament, before this here mayed, abowt foure yeares agoo, sealed with double seales, in the paper wherein yt is soe inclosed, and signed and subscribed by Roger Swynburne,† John Swynburn and Simon Cowlinge, as witnesses therof, as yt may therby playnely appeare. My intent ys, that that shalbe nowe accounted my last will, from this thyrde day of March aforsaid, for all my landes, chatteles, goodes, debtes and moveables whatsoever, wyllinge and gyving hereby to my wyfe, my last purchessed howse in Elvet, nye Durham, for her wedowehead onely, and yf she dye or marye, then I gyve yt to my sonne Richard Boothe, and the heires of his body, lawfully begotten, and for defaulte of such issewe, to my sonne Henry and the heires of his body, and for defaulte of such, to come to the right heires of me Robert Booth, for ever. Witnesses, John Swinburn, Symon Cowlinge, Thomas Wrene, William Ilie. [Pr. Nov. 3, 1592.]

Inv. Apr. 20, 1592. Twentie fyve draughte oxen 88*l.* viij stottes 23*l.* xxij kyne, xxj calves and ij bulles, 47*l.* iij whyes,

* Of the family of Radclyffe, of Tunstall, co. Durham. Great-grandson of Sir Thomas Radclyffe, of Wymersley, knight, who married Katherine, daughter of John Booth, of Barton, co. Lancaster, esq., half-sister of Lawrence, bishop of Durham.

† Roger Swinburne, of Wylam, nephew of the testator. In his will, dated Feb. 16, 1591-2, he gives to his brothers, Rowland and Christopher, two parts of his farmhold in Sunderland bridge, which his uncle, Robert Booth, is to occupy during their nonage. His sister, Mary Swinburne, and his cousin, Ellen Booth.

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with calves, 5*l.* viij geld whyes 10*l.* 13s. 4d. xvij twinters 16*l.* viij horses, maires and stagges, 15*l.* iiij score and xiij ewes and lambes 31*l.* xvj ewes, without lambes, 3*l.* lxx weathers 21*l.* vij tuppes 42s. lxvij hogges 20*l.* v old swine and xv pigges 34s. x score busells of rye, unwindowed, 20*l.* Wheat, unwindowed, 4*l.* 6s. 8d. x loodes of bigge, unwindowed, 4*l.* lx bushells of wheat and rye, in the garner, unwindowed, 6*l.* xj loodes of ottes, windowed, 44s. vij sackes, ij windowclothes, with seaves, riddles and on old bushell, 13s. 4d. Waines and ploughes, with ther furnitur, 6*l.* All the corne, one the grounde, at Old Durham, 50*l.* Half the corne, on the grounde, at Houghall, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. All the implementes, in the hall, 40s. Plaite and spoones 16*l.* A pair of virginalls, with other implementes, in the parloure, 4*l.* All implementes, in the chappell chamber, 20s. A booke of Comon Praier, with other lawe bookes, 20s. A corslett, ij cootes of plaite, with other furnitur of armory, 6*l.* All implementes, in the buttery, 20s. In the parlour entry, a wooden arcke, with malt, 30s. A chalder of malt 4*l.* In the boultinge house, a wooden arcke, ij stone troughes, with other implementes, 40s. All the brasse and pewder vessell, with an iron chimney, in the kitchin, spites and irone rackes, 5*l.* All the wooden vessell and implementes, in the brewhouse, and kitchin, 20s. All the vessell, belonginge the milkehouse, 10s. In the chambers in the courtyne, iij bedsteedes, and iij featherbeddes, with ther furniture, 3*l.* In the lowe chamber, ij bedsteedes, and ij featherbedds, with there furniture, 40s. All implementes, in the kye milkhouse, 10s. Some wooden geare, in wendes hole, 6s. 8d. In the little chamber, a bedstead, with other implements, 10s. In the great chamber, iij bedsteedes, and iij featherbeddes, with ther furnitur, 5*l.* All other wooden implementes theer 40s. Carpete clothes, a cupboarde clothe, xv quishions, and old hagginges, about the great chamber, 40s. All the lynnin and nappery 31*l.* All the lynne, harden and strakins, unbleached, 6*l.* His apparell 6*l.* 13s. 4d. Money in his purse 46s. iiij servantes beddes 13s. 4d. *Debtes owinge to the testator.* By Anthony Hall, of Durham, 5*l.* 13s. 8d. *Debtes owinge by the testator.* Servantes waiges 3*l.* 3s. 7d. Rentes 10*l.* 8s. 4d. For spices and other ware, to Thomas Pearson, of Durham, 21s. 11d. For linte and spices, to Mr. alderman Brooke, of Yorke, 4*l.* 13s. 8d. For charges in lawe, tuchinge Houghall suite, at Easter tearme, 4*l.* 8s. 8d. For worke and other charges, about the house, in Elvete, 14s. 6d. For lattes, that was borrowed, 2s. 6d. The funerall charges, with blackes, quottons, hearse and scutshions, the poor, 14*l.* 7s. 1d. Summa totalis 516*l.* 13s. 4d. ✠

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XCI. JAMES TENAND, OF NEWCASTLE, BLACKSMYTHE.

INVENTORIE. Nov. 8, 1592. A corselett 26s. 8d. v latten basens and iiij lavers 6s. 8d. xv brasse candelstickes, a pestell and a mortere, 12s. xj pewter dishes 13s. 4d. iij pottell pottes, iiij quart pottes and ij pynte pottes, 10s. xl pewter platers 26s. 8d. xxxviij sawcers 12s. 4d. xij potin-dishes, xij tyn spoones and iij dosund olde trynchers, 3s. 4d. A paire of playing tables and a lanterne 18d. In plate and money 24*l.* iiij brasse pottes, ij posnets and ij yetlings, 28s. iij pannes, ij fishe skomers, a posnet, pestell and a mortere, 6s. 8d. *In the shoppe.* ij paire of bellies, and iij stuthies, 5*l.* xv hammers, greater and lesser, and xvij boares, 20s. ix pare of smythe tongues, ij pors, and ij skimmers, 8s. A crooked stuthye, and a stake of iren, 2s. 6d. lx punshers, and hewn iron, and vij bolsters of iron, 6s. iij dosund shoule irons, and an anker hooke, 5s. 8d. iiij hundreth of iron weyghts, a weye-balke, and a pare of wee-skales, 8s. 6d. ij stone weyght and a halfe of iron spyks 5s. A tun weyght of Englishe iron 10*l.* 15s. vj hundreth weight and a half of Spanishe iron, and iij hundreth weight and a half of English iron, 5*l.* 7s. 6d. xxix hundreth weight of Danske iron 15*l.* 13s. 4d. viij stone of pan worke 10s. An anker, beinge a hundrethe and three quarters weight, 20s. iiij hundrethe nailles, viij shovels and ij olde chistes, and iiij bills, 6s. 4d. vj olde spades 6d. xij dosand shovels 18s. A paire of olde bellies 3s.

XCII. JOHN JOHNSON, OF DARLINGTON.*

INVENTORY. . . . . vj yardes of whit millione, at 3s. the yd, 18s. viij yds, at 2s. 6d., 20s. iij yds of millon fuschion and a half 11s. iij yds and a half of osbourne fuschion 5s. iiij elles of fine, at 5s. the elle, 20s. iij elles of canves 5s. 6d. iiij romlandes 3s. 4d. iij yds and three quarters of janes fuschion 3s. ij yds of buffine 2s. 6d. j yd of lions grograme 20d. vj yds of black buffine 7s. 6d. j yd of cranell rashe 18d.

* The beginning of the inventory of this wealthy tradesman is wanting; his will is dated Sept. 12, 1562, and was proved Nov. 18, 1592. He desires burial in Darlington church, near his mother. He leaves to his wife, Margaret, the house he dwells in, and a meadow close, in Dodmire. To his daughter, Anne, a tenement in Bongat. To his daughter, Elizabeth, "the front stede or the front rowe, and all my wod, in Bongat and in the borrow, to build it withal." To his daughter Margaret, the house he lives in, after his wife's death.

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j yd of Dutche fuschion 12d. iiij yds of purple buffine 5s. 4d. v yds of read durannce 10s. xiiij yds of single mockado 11s. 8d. x yds of double mockado 13s. 4d. j peace of crimisine durance 27s. 6d. j peace of read mockado 17s. vj yds of stricke buffine 6s. j elle of orrige durance 2s. ij elles of brown canves 2s. 4d. xij *(blank)* of blacke turkye grograme 2*l.* 8s. v yds and a quarter of velvet, at 18s. the yd, 4*l.* 14s. j yd and three quarters of blacke and greane velvet 30s. One halfe yd of crimisine velvet 9s. j yd of chaingeable taffetye 10s. 6d. j yd and three quarters of Spanishe taffitye 8s. j yd and a half of touft taffitye 3s. Three quarters of blacke shage 12s. One quarter one halfe of blacke, ell-brood, taffitye 3s. ij yds and one half of lauen taffitye 4s. ij dossen of pins 11s. iiij thowsand of pyns 3s. v thowsand French pins 2s. 6d. One thowsand of large pins and a half 2s. j lb of fine threed 4s. ij lbs j oz of skeane thread 5s. iij grose of buttons 4s. 6d. ij grose of Skotes buttons 6s. 8d. iij thowsand hookes and eyes 2s. One fine swaddell belt 14d. v dossen and one halfe of longe silke buttons 5s. ij grose of blacke hair buttons 12d. j lb one half of waxe 12d. j lb of inckell 3s. 4d. xxij yds of loom-lace 4s. xiiij ounce of slaye silke 5s. ix lbs of silke lace 6*l.* vij lbs of blacke silke lace 6*l.* j paper of Spanishe silke 2*l.* 4s. j lb iij ounces of blacke Spanishe silke 23s. 9d. Half a pound and ij oz of blacke jaines ribine 15s. vij oz of jaines satten silke 14s. x oz of coallered silke, at 20d. the oz, 16s. 8d. vij dozen viij yds of velvet billimunt lace 18s. iij dossen of velvet billimunt lace 12s. xj oz of pennye brod ribine 9s. 2d. x pair of silke garters 16s. 8d. viij pair of single silke garters 9s. ij double silke girdles 4s. iij silke girdles 2s. 8d. j elle of greene sairsnete 4s. 6d. ij yds of sairsnete 7s. viij dossen of hearinge-bon lace 5s. 4d. iij peaces of blacke poyntinge 6s. v peaces of cap ribine 10s. ij dossen v yds of blacke jaines ribine 8s. x yds of crimisine ribine 3s. 4d. vj yds of gold lace 12d. v oz of sisters threed 5s. j lb of whit threed 2s. 6d. ij grose of statute lace 12s. Half a grose of statute lace, and on romland of cruell fringe, 5s. iij lbs of sowinge cruell 10s. iij pair of wourset sockinges 15s. ij pair of wollen sockinges 5s. Half a pound of collered threed 12d. j dossen and one half and iij pare of cardes 4s. iij bone comes 18d. v seing glasses 4s. 2d. iiij yds of blacke lauen taffitye 6s. xiiij yds of cipers 11s. 8d. ij French hoodes 32s. j golde girdle of velvet 5s. j velvet girdle 20d. viij net worke shadowes 5s. j dossen of bagges 3s. iiij flower shadowes 4s. vj fine purses 8s. ix beades 4s. 6d. iij gold bandes 4s. ij fine coyves 5s. iij lawne coyves 3s. x payre of lawne cufes 3s. j peace of bowpres 16s. j grose of

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fine poyntes 8s. ij grose of threed poyntes 5s. 6d. ij oz three quarters of sowinge golde 14s. Chaines 4s. v karkyners 20d. xj yds of boutcloth 6s. j dossen gloves 8s. xj payre of gloves 7s. iiij payre of gloves 3s. 4d. x payre of gloves 10s. iij payer of shag gloves 3s. 6d. iij payer of washed gloves 18d. j dossen of whit gloves 3s. vj waist girdles 12d. v waist girdles 2s. iiij whit cappes 2s. vij cooles 2s. vj childer hats 4s. iij hats 3s. 4d. iij hates 9s. 6d. iij fine hates 13s. iij hates 10s. iij fine feltes 15s. iij feltes 10s. iij feltes 4s. 6d. iij feltes 8s. xiij lbs of lickeresse 3s. v childer bages 12d. ij lbs and one quarter of large mace 30s. iij lbs j oz and a halfe of synomond 22s. iiij sugar loves 2*l.* 4s. Graines, suckhorns and vivons seede, 2s. v pound of cuminge seed 2s. 6d. xij lbs of annes seedes 9s. x lbs of Barbarye sugar 10s. One lb of tumericke 18d. xij lbs of ginger 11s. 6d. One pound and a half of specknell 2s. xxviij lbs of allam 6s. 8d. xij lbs of coperouse 2s. 8d. iiij thowsand copper nayles 18d. iiij lbs and a halfe of pepper 13s. 6d. ij lbs three quarters of cloves 18s. 4d. j dossen of pepper 35s. j reame of pepper 5s. 8d. vj lbs of browne sugar candye 6s. Half a pound of saffrone 15s. xxviij lbs of great rasons 8s. xxviij lbs of prownes 6s. 8d. xij lbs of galles 8s. iiij lbs of asnecke and rosager 8d. ix lbs of read lead 16d. ij oz and one half of long pepper 4d. x yds of cloth 5s. xx yds of course harden 6s. 8d. v lbs of bombace 5s. Minnickins 6d. ij lbs one half of counteres 2s. Spangles and buttons 6d. xxviij lbs of curance 9s. ij dossen and one half of sope 4s. x gallons of viniger 5s. ij gallons of honye 4s. iij payer of skailes and weightes 5s. iij long hampers 2s. ix lbs of bisketes and carawayes, at 18d. a lb, 13s. 6d. ij lbs of whit cand 5s. iij lbs and a half of whit suger 3s. 6d. The some of all, within the shope, 132*l.* 3s. 1d. One jacke, one cote of plait, one bowe, one sheaf of arrowes, one spear, one sword, one dagger, one dage, with all the rest of his apparell, 5*l.* xij silver spownes 2*l.*

*Debtes owinge to him.** Mr. John Trollope, of Thornlay, 34s. 8d. The administrators of Mr. Raffe Tailboyes, of Thornton, 2*l.* 9s. Mr. Robert Tailboyes, of Thornton, and his wiffe, 34*l.* 6s. 6d. Mr. Henrye Parkinson 28s. Mr. Lanchester, of Headlam, 12s. 8d. John Kellinghall 15s. 9d. Mistres Parkinson 12s. 5d. Mr. George Cathericke, of Carltone, 2*l.* 8d. Mr. Robson, under-shreve, 14s. 10d. Mr. Thomas Norton, of Skirningham, 56s. 8d. Doctor Bourtone, 14s. 10d. George Tonge, of Thicklye, 7s. 2d. William Barnes, bailiff, 25s. 6d. Mr.

* The full list of his debtors is not given

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Houttone, of Hawghtone, 3*l.* 3s. 4d. George Coniers, of Neishame, 22s. 3d. Mistres Garnet, of Egcliffe, 4s. 4d. Mr. Bourtone, of Great Stainton, 19s. 9d. Mistres Tonstall, of Long Newton, 4s. 4d. Mr. Stockdaille, of Darlington, 8s. Mr. John Phillippe, of Briggnall, 5*l.* 13s. 6d. John Edonne, of Belsisse, 5*l.* 15s. Mr. Radcliffe, of Newtone Hansel, 7*l.* 1s. 1d. Mr. Emanuell Barnes, of Durham, 57s. Mr. Nicholas Gower, of Stainsbe, 10s. Mr. Raffe Car, of Coxeon, 27s. Mr. Hewe Whiteheade, of Moncke Wearmouthe, 2*l.* My ladye Addenell* 24s. 6d. Whaites Grimstone, of Little Smetone, 31s. John Grimstone, of Little Smeton, 28s. Mr. Francis Parkinson, of Whesso, 5*l.* 4s. Mr. Blackebourne, of Henknolle, 28s. 8d. Mistres Middletone, of Coxeaye, 17s. Mr. William Poudsaye, of Barfoote, 5*l.* Mr. Roxebe, of Morton, 8*l.* 4s. Anne Roxebe, his dowghter, 18s. Mistres Coniers, of Sockburne, 11*l.* 8s. 11d. Raffe Lawson, of Little Ossewolde, 2*l.* 8s. Mistres Cathren Radcliffe, of Oglethroppe, 3*l.* 10s. Mr. Raffe Hardine, of Hollinside, 3*l.* 10s. 6d. Mr. Fowtroppe, of Tonstall, 25s. Christopher Coniers, of Hordane, 52s. 6d. Mistres Salving, of Croxtone, th'elder, 6s. Mistres Hedworth, of Brandon, 5*l.* 10s. Mr. Francis Trolloppe, of Eden, 4*l.* 2s. 6d. Mr. Constable, of Tromonbie, 2*l.* 2s. Mistres Constable, of Tromonbie, 9s. 6d. Christopher Houtton, of Honnwicke, 17s. Mr. Anthony Houtton 13*l.* 7s. Mr. Doctor Bellamy 2*l.* 8s. William Hiltone, of Great Ossewolde, 7s. 6d. Mr. Gilfraye Lawson, of Little Ossewolde, 7s. My Ladye Margret Navell 25s. 7d. Mistres Bainbrigge, of Wheatlay hill, 34s. 8d. Jaratt Salvinge, of Croxetone, 3*l.* 10s. Henry Tonge, of Caverstone, 35s. 11d. Mr. Charles Heddworth, of Brandone, 2*l.* 3s. Mistres Catherone Blaxtone 24s. Ellinor Blaxtone 11s. Mr. William Blaxtone, of Blaxtone, 26s. 10d. Mr. William Gaskinge 6*l.* 15s. Sir William Hiltone, of Hiltone, 5*l.* 5s. Mr. Constable, of Bedicke, 25s. John Hedworth, of Harratone, the yonger, 8s. John Bellinghame, of Bellinghame, 4s. Mr. Bousse, of Durhame, 18s. Mistres Catheron Hiltone, of Hiltone, 6*l.* 5s., her brother, Thomas Hiltone, is to se it paid. Yonge Mistress Coniers, of Sockeburne, 8s. Mistres Blaxton, of Coxeaye, 11s. 10d. Mr. William Evers, of Englebe maner, 35s. Mr. Anthonye Welburye, of Castle Eadane, 22s. 2d. Mr. Whitmoore, of St. Ellinge Awkelande, 2*l.* 9s. 8d. Old Mistres Lawson, of Little Ossewolde, 10s. Mr. William Whiteheade, of Monche Wearmouthe, for the det of Raffe Claxtone, 10*l.* 11s. The sum total of all his goodes and debts, 621*l.* 6s. 8d.

* The lady Adeline Neville.

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XCIII. TESTAMENTUM HUMFREDI BRACK.

Oct. 24, 1592. Humfrey Bracke, of Willington, in the parish of Branspeth. To my mother ij kye gaites, thorow bothe paster and fogg, with the rest of my wife's kye, and ij ackers of medow, one called the guse crofte, and another, joyning unto it, of the leasses, up thorow and dowene thorow, and halfe an acker of corne land, in the cronell fyld, and half an acker in the hether cronell hill, and half an acker in the hew cloose, and j futher of cooles, to be lead at her doore every yere, of fre charges, during hir life, and all her land to be mannered, and the rest of hir deeds to be done of fre cost, but hir seede only, duringe hir life naturall, if she do mislyke to be of my wife's fynding. My will is, that my wife shall have all my farme, and the bringinge up of my children, so long as she is my wife, and if she do marry, that then the farme to go to my two brethren Rollond and Nicholas Bracke, for the use of my children. And after my wife, I give unto my eldest sonne, Thomas, my farme, and to the heares maile of his body, and failling of suche, to my midlemost sonn, Robert Brack, and the heares maile of his body, and failling of suche, to my yongest sonne Nicholas. To my daughter, Isbell, one kowe, and my will is, that John Moyser shall have my daughter Isbell, and hir porcion, if he will, and if not, she to be brought up of the farme, with the rest of my children. To my sonn Thomas one gunn and a cross-bow. All the rest of my goodes to my wife Elsebeth, and to Thomas, Robert, Nicholas and Isbell Brack, who I make all my soole executors. [Pr. Dec. 2, 1592.]

Inv. The householde stuff, within the hall house, and the chambers, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. The hard corne, in the barne, 4*l.* Cartaine otes 6s. 8d. Corne, on the grounde, 40s. Hay 3*l.* v oxen 14*l.* iij whyes 40s. iij kye and iiij calves 6*l.* Plew-gere and wayn-gere 40s. j kow 26s. 8d. ij mayres 4*l.* viij henes, iiij capons, 5s. Some 42*l.* 5s. *Debtes.* To Margarie Brack 7*l.* His funerall expences 13s. To Gawin Forrest 20s. To his mother j kow. ✠

XCIV. ROBERT MITFORDE, MARCHANTE.

Inventorie of the goodes of Roberte Mytforth,* marchannte, praised by Williame Grenwell, George Still, Lyonell Grenwell,

* Administration of his goods was granted, Dec. 16, 1592, to his wife Jane, and children, Christopher, Henry, Anderson, and Jane Mitford. He was the son of Christopher Mitford, whose will is printed in this volume, p. 30, and his wife Jane Anderson.

His son Christopher's will is dated June 20, and was proved July 8, 1623:

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and Bertrame Andersone, merchanntes, the iiijth of December, 1592.

In the hall. One irone chymney, a poor and a paire of tonges, 16s. j wainscott table, with ij leaves, and j other wainscott table, 24s. 8d. j cubborde, of wainscott, j standinge cubord, of waynscottes, 14s. j litell cuborde, of wainscott, and v wainscott stooles, 13s. 4d. j wainscotte fourme, and a wainscotte dressere, 7s. 6d. j chaire, and a womane's stolle, with fringes, 18d. j wainscotte sconce, viij quissones, and a littell pulcke, 8s. j muskete, with the furnitur, and ij callyveres, 32s. j cotte of plaite, j cros-bowe, ij rackes, and a quiver of shaftes, 10s. A quiver, for a longe bowe, with shaftes, and one Byble booke, 11s. 4d. viij Dannske pottes, j basone and a uewer, and ij great chargers, 41s. 4d. j lannterne, of greane carpette, and j carpit, of dornettes, 3s. 10d. j cubborde clothe, of neadle worke, 20d. *In the buterye.* One allmerye, and j Dannske chiste, 15s. 4d. j candle-caise 6d. *In the kitchinge.* One irone chimneye 26s. 8d. j wainscote table, with a wainscote frame, and j stolle, with fringes, 16d. j buffete stolle, and creange stone, and cawell, 2s. 10d. j boord, without a frame, 4d. *In the panntery.* Forty pottes and pannes 7*l.* 10s. 4d. iij morters, with pestelles, 10s. The reste of the irone geare 30s. *In the hye chamber.* One irone chimney, and ij tables, of wainscott, 20s. j cubbord, of wainscott, 7s. j greate pressor, of wainscotte, and j old chaire, 20s. 6d. iiij Dannske chistes, j Dannske coofer, and a lether thronncke, 47s. ij wainscotte bedes, and j wainscotte deske, 19s. 8d. j paire of read courtines, of wolline, 12d. *In the fore chamber.* One irone chimney, and ij wainscotte chaires, 22s. 4d. ij tronnckes, of lether, banded with irone, 14s. j presser, and j Dannske chiste, 21s. 4d. j cubbord table, of wainscotte, 4s. 6d. j greate standinge bedd, with a trindle bedd, 46s. 8d. vj womans stooles, iij covered with silke, and iij with mockadow, 6s. vj buffette stolles, of wainscote, and j Dannske cooffer, 18s. 6d. ij wainscotte tables, and a wainscott frame, 54s. 4d. xij fetherbedes, and vij matresses, of wollinge and flockes, 10*l.* 8s. 6d. ix bolsteres, of fetherbed tyckes, *(blank)*

then of Newcastle, merchant. "To be buried in St. Nicholas churche, near my father. To my brother Henrie my fourthe parte of the tithe corne of the rectorie of Newcastell. To Jane, and Margaret, daughters of my said brother Henrie, o markes a peace. To Jane, daughter of my brother Anderson, deceased, 100*l.* To Robert Clarkson, my nephewe (son of his sister Jane) 200*l.* To Thomas Clarkson, my nephewe, 100*l.* To my nephew Thomas Legerd (son of his sister Jane, by a second husband) 200*l.*, and my plate and householde stuffe. To my naturall sister Jane Legerd my fyve salte pannes in Southe Sheldes, and my colliaries in Gateside and Elswicke. To Thomas Muschampe 20*l.* To my cosine Robert Brigham 10*l.* To my sister-in-lawe Elyzabeth Mitford 10*l.* My sister Jane Legerd executrix."

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flockes, 20s. 6d. xiij coodes, of fetherbedd tyckes and fustiene, 20s. xij paires of blannckes, and xx coverlides, of wooline, 6*l.* 16s. 7d. iij coverlides, of wollinge, and vij happines, 15s. 6d. *In the citchinge chamber.* One small cubbord, and ij counters, of wainscotte, 13s. 4d. ij Dannske chistes, j wainscotte bed, and a tryndle bed, 17s. j close stolle, with a basone, and j buckeler, 6s. *The wollinge clothes.* One grogarane gowne, faced with conny, and garded with vellvete, 4*l.* j greane clooke, and other cloke, of frier's graye, 22s. 8d. j old sattene doblete, and j doblete, and a pair of briches, of fustiane, 30s. j cotte, of damaske, garded with vellvete, 20s. j russett taffity cotte, garded with velvete, 10s. j wolline gowne, of cloth, garded with velvete, 20s. j gowne of cloth, garded with vellvete, 20s. j grogerene gowne, garded with vellvette, 13s. 4d. j damaske kirtle, garded with vellvette, 13s. 4d. j taffity kirtle, garded with vellvete, 6s. j sattene kirtle, garded with vellvette, 13s. 4d. j paire of sattene sleaves, and j paire of taffity sleves *(blank).* *In the coofer in the hall.* One reade sattene purse, and j purse, of read taffyty, 3s. iij dozene of side laice and a litell maiser pott 4s. j copper basone, iiij hande towles, and iij dosene of cronne lace, 3s. 8d. *In the chiste in his chamber.* One basone and uewer, and ij great chargers, 12s. vj Dannske quarte pottes, and a caise of wooden trenchers, 13s. j lattene candlesticke, and a quarte pott, of the old fashone, 4s. vij pece of broken vessell, a round poten-dishe, and a salte, 9s. 8d. iij spynles, for a wooll wheall, ij potten-dishes, and a fish scomere, 15d. *In the tronnckes in the fore chamber.* Twenty two boord clothes, and viij drisser clothes, 7*l.* 5s. 8d. xij longe and shorte towelles, and xxxiiij paire of sheates, 12*l.* 17s. 8d. xxxij coodwares, and xviij dosene and a half of table napkines, 9*l.* 17s. 8d. ij childeres cappes, sewed with blacke sylke, 5s. j childe's cappe, sewed with read sylke, 12d. iij cappes and iij head bandes, with sylke and gold, 6s. ij whit headbandes, and j old buttery clothe, 22d. j presente clothe 2s. *In the same chambre.* Fower French twiltes, j Irishe manntell, and vj thrumbed quissiones, 29s. 6d. ij sylke codes, for wyndowe, and ij greane carpetes, 17s. 4d. ij bedd coveringes, of tapstrey, and a tapstrey carpete, 42s. 7d. A courtine and flieres, for a bedd, and j corne pooke, 10s. 6d. *In the pressor in the hye chambre.* Three tapstrey bed coveringes, and a greane tapstery carpin cloth, 6*l.* 16s. 8d. j old greane carpine cloth, and iiij read and greane courtins, with fliers, 27s. 8d. j sylke teaster of a bedd, with flyers for the same, 10s. vij curtaynes, of read and whyt carrell, with the flyers, 10s. j dosene of tapstrey quissiones 31s. *In the Dannske chiste in the hye chambre.* One tapstrey bed, j flyer for a bed, and j basone

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and a uewer, 7s. j charger, iij pynte pottes, and j Dannske quarte potte, 8s. 2d. iij pynte pottes, ij pye plates and a hecle, 5s. 2d. j dosene of wooden trenchers, and a quarte potte, 22d. j gille potte, j water potte, and vj flower pottes, 2s. 6d. j Dannske pynte potte, and ij gille pottes, 2s. 6d. j potte for sweat water, xviij pewter doblers, x olde doblers, and ij dishes, 48s. 8d. j latene basone 12d. *A Dannske chiste with pewter vesell.* Seventene dosene of pewter vessill 6*l.* 10s. 6d. ij large pye plates, and iiij lesser pye plates, 4s. 8d. *In a chiste in the kitchinge.* Fower dosene and iiij pewter vessell, and iij saltes, withe covers, 38s. 4d. xxj candlestickes, and iiij chamber pottes, 16s. 4d. j gallon tyne potte, and iij pottell pottes, 9s. j possete cupp, iij quarte pottes, and iij Dannske pynte pottes, 8s. 4d. ij pynte pottes, and j gille potte, 16d. *In the seller chiste.* One Dannske chiste, j charger, and iij pewter doblers, 11s. 6d. vj tynne candlestickes, ij pottell pottes, and ij quarte pottes, 11s. 6d. ij pynte pottes, j chamber potte, and a maser cuppe, 2s. 6d. j dosene of wodene trenchers 4s. *In the shooppe.* Two shopp-chistes, j balke, and a paire of scalles, 15s. 4d. A paire of copper hoockes, and pece of a webe of lead, 2s. Certaine fylles and nayles of irone 4s. iiij hundreth tyldes, j kill-haire, and j stonne brogge, 11s. 6d. j paire of old scales, and iij paire of small scalles, 18d. xx clapboord, and j cotte of playte, 8s. 4d. j half hundreth weight, and j paire of scalles, 3s. j wainscotte bedde, j table, of waynscotte, with a frame, j irone chymney, and a creddle, 24s. 4d. *In the lowe house.* Twenty fyve flages stones 5s. xij wroughte stones 4s. j small stolle, for breakinge of flesh, 18d. j steap-lead, with a cover, 3*l.* *In the malte lofte.* One table and v buffette stooles, of waynscotte, 11s. 6d. j watter bowll, a lannd pecke, and iij levene tobbes, 3s. 4d. j wanded baskett, and j old firre chiste, 14d. j old chaire, j water pecke, and a hogsheade, 8d. j daughe sheate, and j old chiste, with a lidd, 2s. j wyndinge-cloth, ij corne seaves and a pecke, 7s. 6d. j swynglinge stooke 2d. *In the seller.* One allmery, j old waynscotte chaire, 4s. v hogsheades, j pype, and iiij barrelles, 4s. 2d. A ganntrey, a trowe, a soo, and a close kitt, for butter, 21d. *In the brewhouse.* One kille chymney, and a maskine toobe, 6s. j worte tobbe, a soo stange, and a hogshead, 2s. A tonnell, ij brackes, with tonnges, and iij toobes, 20d. iij old brewe toobes, and a litell boord, 6d. j coveringe, for a leade, 4d. lxv tonnes of colles, whereof ther is viij tonnes at steath, 70*l.* ij killes, with their furniture, 44*l.* The platte and ringes 60*l.* The pannes 100*l.* xxviij weares of sallte 28*l.* The colle lease of Elswicke 50*l.* *Debtes received.* Mr. Charles Hall, of the Felline, 5*l.* 10s. 8d. William Robinsone, of the Sheailes, 24s.

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The wholle somme is 501*l.* 6s. 3d. The debtes, funerall expences and other chages, paid since his death, unto this 3rd of Oct., 1593, 188*l.* 3s. 7d. *Desperate debtes.* Old Mr. Roberte Andersone, the aldermane, 34*l.* 13s. 4d. Robert Wilkinsone, merchannt, 6*l.* 18s. Lucke Beadnell, x bowles of ottes, 2*l.* 13s. 4d. Edward Dalyvell 8*l.* 13s. 4d. John Hodge, of Westowe, 2*l.* 13s. 4d. Williame Phillipes 2*l.* Mrs. Mitforth, of Pontelande, 10*l.* Anthony Pottes 2*l.* Rayffe Rawe 2*l.* Mr. Robert Dallyvell 2*l.* Roger Raymes 20s. Peter Twysell 20s. Henry Biglande 2*l.* 13s. 4d. Richard Brandlinge 46s. 4d. Roberte Johnesone's wife, of a reckninge of the Daniell, 5*l.* Christofor Halle 40s. Rolannd Hagthroppe 5*l.* ✠

XCV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ MANNERS.

Jan. 12, 1592-3. Thomas Manners,* of Chessick, in Ilandshier, within the countye palatyn of Durham, gentleman. My bodye I commytt to the earth, to be semelye buried, at the discretion of my frendes. To my eldest sonne George all my landes, waters and hereditaments in Ourde, Chessick, Branxton, Pawston, Tweedmouthe, Unthánke, Ilande, and ellswhere, in anye other place, to him and the heires of his bodye, lawfullie begotten, and failing thereof, to my sonne Henry, and his heirs. Also I geve unto my eldest son George all my goodes &c., in consideracion, that, forthe of them, shalbe truelye paide my children's porcyons, in manner following. To my eldest daughter Agnes 40*l.*, to be paid at the feast of Pentecost, called Whitsondaye, which shalbe in 1594, and I comyt her to the government of my brother Henrye Graye.† To my daughter Isa-

* Only son of Thomas Manners, of Cheswick, co. Durham, gent., a cadet of the ancient family of Manners, of Etall castle, co. Northumberland, from which also descend the dukes of Rutland. The testator married Margaret, daughter of Henry Orde, of Orde, co. Durham, esq.

The will of William Manners, of Orde, in Norhamshire, gent., his great-uncle, is dated Aug. 7, 1570, though he does not seem to have died until 1583. "To be buried in the churche of Twedemouthe. To my sone Thomas my cott howse, and the sixth parte of Southe Yerrowe, and for defaulte of him, to my sone Nicholase. To my said sone Nicholas all my landes, and for default of him, to my sone Thomas, then to my brother Henry, and then to my cosine George. Also I hade a howse of my brother Thomas, late of Chesswecke, lying in Berwicke, for my life, whiche I since bought of my cosine Thomas, sone and heire of my said brother, and I have now sold it to my brother Henrie. To my sone Richard 40s. I owe unto John Manners, of London, fower bareles of salmon. To my sister of Ourde, to William Manners, and to Henrie Manners, of Houlderness, to everie of them 10s. To Jack, the feder, 16s. Guye Careleton, constable of Norhame, owes me 20*l.*"

† Henry Grey, of Kyloe, co. Durham, gent., who married the testator's sister Fortune.

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bell* 40*l.*, to be paid her in 1595, and I comyt her to the government of Thomas Ourde, gentleman. To my daughter Margarett 40*l.*, to be paid her in 1596, and I comyt her to the government of my twoe good frendes, Mr. George Morton and Thomas Ourde. To my daughter Elizabeth 40*l.*, to be paid her in 1597, and I comyt her to Gilbart Scott, and his wife. To my sonne Henry 40*l.*, to be paid unto him within sixe yeares next cominge, and I comyt him to my brother George Carleton, if he please to accept and take him; and failinge of anye of my said children, I will that the porcyon of those that shall happen to dye, shalbe equallie devyded among the residue of them, porcion and porcion like. And in consideracion, that it is nowe covenanted betwene me and my good frend, Mr. George Morton, alderman, (before my frendes) that, by God's grace, my saide sonne George shall marye one of the daughters of the saide George Morton, and that he shall as well paye, of his owne proper goodes, to my saide sonne, at the daye of his mariage, 100*l.*, as alsoe shall, at or before, that tyme, of his owne proper goodes, redeme frome mortgage, for the use of the saide George Manners, and his wife, eighte shete of the fishinge water of Southe Yarowe, nowe in the handes of George Thompson; therefore and in consideracon thereof, I leave and comyt my saide sonne Gerge, and all my said landes, waters &c., unto the handes of the saide Gerge Morton, for the use of my sonne. I geve to my unkle George Manners v markes, yerelye, during his life. I make my sonne George, sole executor. I will that the saide George Morton shall distribute amongste my daughters soe much of my housholde goodes, as he shall thinke most fytt. I am owinge to Marke Saltonstall 27*l.* To William Hoppe 6s. 8d. To Thomas Cunnyngham 53s. 4d. To Thomas Cunningham's wife 16s. To my servantes, and unto John Hickes, and Thomas Reade, whiche is to be paide. Raphe Ourde is owinge unto me 20s. Robert Ewnes owes me 3*l.* 10s. George Ourde, the sonne of John Ourde, owes me vj barrelles of salmon, whiche I paid for him to Marke Saltonstall. Charles Lambe owes me 16s. Witnesses, Thomas Swynhoe, George Graye, John Morton, Peter Fairlye, Nycolas Maners, George Moortonn.

XCVI. TESTAMENTUM ELINORÆ WODDRINGTON.

March 3, 1592-3. Ellinor Woddringtone,† of Choppingtone,

* Afterwards the wife of Ralph Killinghall, captain of the garrison of Berwick, and third son of John Killinghall, of Middleton St. George, co. Durham, esq.

† The widow of a scion of the great house of Widdrington, who appears to

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in the parishing of Bedlingtone, wedowe. My bodie to be buried within the parish churche of Bothall. I doe give all my wholl gooddes whatsoever unto Katherine Hobburne, my neece, whome I doe make sole executrix. I desiere my well beloved cosen Mr. Henrie Wodrington,* of Swinborne, esquier, to become supervisor of this my will. Witnesses, Thomas Barwick, clerk, Roger Woddrington, Ephraim Woddrington, Amor Oxley.

Inv. March 13, 1592-3. *Cheapington.* Eleven kyne 13*l.* 6s. 8d. iiij yeare-olde stirkes 20s. Of gotes, xxxvij, 4*l.* iiij mares 6*l.* *Household stuffe.* One presser and j cobborde 20s. iiij score payre of lynnen shetes 40*l.* xij borde clothes, vj cobberd clothes, and vj table napkins, allso iiij dozen pillowberes and vj towells, 3*l.* j carpet clothe, iij chayres and ij stoles, 5s. iij bedsteedes, and viij fetherbeddes, with ther furniture, 15*l.* iiij payre of blanketes 20s. xij quoshinges 20s. xij pottes, iiij pannes and ij calldrens, 3*l.* ij garnishe and a half of pewter vesell 3*l.* viij candellstickes 10s. ij Flanders chistes 10s. j cobberd 5s. v chistes 10s. j allmerie 10s. xij sillver spoones 3*l.* j payre of rackes and v speetes 20s. *Nesbethe.* Tenne oxen 15*l.* 6s. 8d. xiiij kine and a bull 20*l.* iiij stottes 3*l.* 4s. xij yonger stottes and quyes 6*l.* 10s. x acres of wheate 2*l.* xxx bowells of oates 3*l.* 10s. Such furniture as belongethe to husband labore 13s. 4d. *Hebborne and the White house.* Twelve yeeld beastes and iiij stirkes 13*l.* 6s. 8d. iij score and xvj olde sheepe 21*l.* iij score and xvj hogges 19*l.* xx youes 5*l.* *Eshington.* Two cobberdes, ij longsadles and a chayre 22s. 8d. *In one lofte in the sklate hall.* A presser, an ambrie, ij bedsteades, 26s. 8d. *In another loft.* Two bedsteades 6s. 8d. *In mistres Wodrington bed chamber.* Two beddes, a cobberd, a

have farmed extensively. The will of her son, who died during his mother's lifetime, is dated Jan. 8, 1589-90. "Thomas Widdrington, of Eshington, in the parishe of Bothell, within the county of Northumberland. To be buried in the parishe churche of Bothel. To Lewis Mawtlaine, alias Widdrington, my base-begotten sonne, all the corne, nowe sowen, att Nesbett, with all the oxen, waines, ploughes &c. If it shall please God, to send me a sonne of Dorothie, my wif, I give unto him all my landes, and to his haires maile of his bodie, lawfullie begotten, and for lacke of suche, to Lewis Mawtlaine, alias Widdrington, and to his heires male of his bodie, lawfully begotten, and failing suche to Roger Widdrington, of Litle Swinburne. To the said Lewis Widdrington 10*l.* by yeare. To my brother Garrett Widdrington 10*l.*, yearlie, for his life. I give, after the deathe of my mother Ellinor Widdrington, to Raphe Wallis, my servante, my farmeholds in Cowpon, during his life, also I give unto him my bay meares. To Robert Stephenson 5*l.* To my lorde warden the first choice of one of my three stoned coltes, and to Mr. Fenwicke the seconde choice, and to Mr. Nicholas Forster the thirde. To my mother Ellinor three partes of all my goodes. The rest to my wife Dorothie, whom I make executrix. Witnesses, Henrye Woddrington, Ephraim Woddrington, Robert Coperthwaite, John Errington."

* Afterwards Sir Henry Widdrington, knight, high-sheriff of Northumberland, 1605, and M.P. for that county 1604, 1615, and 1621.

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longsadle, and iron chymney, and the hingeres, 40s. *In the greate chamber.* A table, ij formes, a cobberd, 13s. 8d. An iron chymney and the hingeres 20s. *In another lofte chamber.* A bedstead and a coffer 6s. 8d. *In the lardner.* A great chiste and ij tables 10s. *In the kytchen.* A table and a strayner 5s. *In the barne.* A malte chiste and ij webes of lead 3*l.* xij coverletes 40s. v payre of blanketes, and v coveringes 30s. During one lease of Eshington, for the terme of yeres therin conteyned, and not as yet expired, 21*l.* by yere. Corne, sowne upon the grounde, at Coopen, 40s. Summa totalis 224*l.* 7s. 4d., besides the lease within named, being unvalewed. ✠

XCVII. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI CONYERS.

March 4, 1592-3. Rychard Conyers,* within the parish of St. Gyles, in Durham. My bodye to be buryed in decent manner, within the quier of St. Gyles churche, neere where my wyfe lyith buryed. To my sonne Rychard, my house wherein I dwell, and my close in Gilligate, called Fawel's close, my best ambrye, and the one halfe of all the pewder and brasse vessell, standing on the two ambry heads. I doe give unto him more, my house and shoppe, in Gilligate, joyninge to Thomas Browne's house. To my sonne Robert Conyers my house in Gilligate, where Thomas Prentisse dwelleth, and my meddowe, in the Pelloleazes, belonging to the same, my ambrye next the parlour dore, and the other half of all the pewder and brasse vessell, standing on the two ambry heades. To the fower children of my daughter Elizabeth Reed 13s. 4d., amonge them. To my daughter Isabell Ord the one half of all my straken and harden yerne, and all my lynn yerne in the house. To my sonne-in-lawe Thomas Ord, and to the saide Isabell, his wife, my daughter, my burgage in Gilligate, with th'appurtennances, joyninge to Janett Hudson's house. To my daughter Elyner Smyth a pare of grogran sleves. To my sonne Rychard Conyers wife the other halfe of all my straken and harden yerne. To my saide thre daughters, Elizabeth Reed, Isabell Ord, and Elyner Smyth, my two leazes of meddowe, lyinge in Ellesleazes, equally among them. To William Murray, curate of Gilligate, 6s. 8d. To the poore folke in Gilligate 10s. All the rest of my goodes &c., to my saide two sonnes Rychard and Robart Conyers, equally betwixt them, whom I make my executours. [Pr. March 24, 1592-3.]

* A humble member of the great and spreading house of Conyers. The record of his burial, March 13, 1592-3, and that of his wife Janet, Nov. 17, 1591, with those of the marriage of his daughters Eleanor and Isabel, are found in the parish registers of St. Giles, Durham.

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Inv. March 22, 1592-3. *In the halle house.* One iron chimney, a porre, a pare of tongs, a recken croke, a pare of iron rackes, and a pare of gib irons, 11s. j longe table, with a frame, j buffett forme, v stoles, and ij chares, 10s. j old counter 4s. j new ambrye 30s. j other ambrye 18s. In pewder, xij dossen poundes, 6d. a pound, 3*l.* 12s. In pewder pottes, xxiiij poundes, 4d. a pound, 7s. 8d. xxxij poundes of brasse candelstick mettle 10s. lxxxiij poundes of brass pott mettle 26s. 8d. j iron morter and a pestall, j old frying pan, and a pare of potclipes, 2s. j carpett clothe, with certaine old quissions, 4s. *In the parloure within the halle.* One stand bedd, j mattrasse, and old courtains, 9s. j presser 12s. iij chistes and ij coffers 6s. 8d. j tressell bedd 6d. j bushell, j peck, and j skeele, 20d. Certaine straken and harden yerne 5s. Certaine old hallen cloths 4d. iiij pare of lynnen sheetes 24s. ij pare of straken sheetes 2s. 8d. ij pare of harden shetes, and iij old harden sheetes, 5s. 4d. vj codd pillobers 10s. j lyn table-clothe, ij towels, and vj table napkins, 7s. v yerdes and a quarter of small lynnen clothes 12s. *In the lowe parloure.* One stand bed, and a trindle bedd, 6s. j borde, j old chare, a forme and a kirne, 18d. *In the loft.* Two bedsteedes 13s. 4d. iiij fetherbeades, and iij bolsters, and vj coddes, 4*l.* v old oversea coverings 33s. 4d. ij new coverlettes and iij old 13s. 4d. ij new blankettes and j old 8s. j old arck, an old chare, with curtane hallen clothes, 2s. v sackes, j winding cloth, and ij old pokes, 7s. j chalder and vj bushells of bigg malte, and vj buskells of haver malt, 6*l.* 6s. 8d. In haver malt, over the kilne, v lode, 20s. All his apparell 46s. 8d. vj silver spones 30s. iiij silver ringes 4s. One caldron 12s. *In the kilne.* One steepe-lead 30s. j brew-lead 10s. ij leven tubbes, j gylefatt and ij dry tubbes, 3s. j younger kowe 33s. 4d. j elder kowe 28s. Certaine haye 16s.

Debtes owinge to him. Nycholas Dearham 53s. 4d. Peter Nycholl 24s. Thomas Watson 14s. 3d. Old Maistres Billingham 5s. Nycholas Younger 7s. 6d. Richard Trewfet, of Lomeley, 40s. Christofer Skirray 2s. Patrick Garray 12d. William Wanlesse 12d. Summa 48*l.* 7s. 9d. ✠

XCVIII. TESTAMENTUM MARCI SHAFTOE.

Nov. 8, 1592. Marke Shaftoe,* of the towne and countie of

* Like many of the Northumberland gentry, the Shaftos had transferred one of the family from the farm to the counter. The testator, sheriff of Newcastle, 1578, mayor 1578, was the son of Mark Shafto, mayor 1548, who was a son of Edmund Shafto, of Bavington, of the old stock of Shafto, of Shafto.

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Newcastle-upon-Tyne, merchannt and alderman. To be buried in the parishe churche of St. Nicholas, as neare as maye be to the sepulchre of my late father Marke Shaftoe. To the poore of Newcastle fyve markes. To Elizabeth,* my welbeloved wyfe, for her life, without impeachemente of waiste, the house wherin I nowe dwell, scituate in a streete, called the Side, together with my tenemente and close, called Overgarthe, scituate in a streete, called the Frier chare, and after her decease, my will is, that the house I dwell in, remaine and be unto William Marley, and his heires for ever; and the tenemente and close shall come unto Helinor,† now wife of Raphe Carre, of Cocken, esquier, for her life, and upon her decease, to William, eldest sonne and heire of the said Raphe Carre; but if my wife shall legate, or will, the saide tenementes to anie person or persons, then the said tenementes shall remaine and be accordinge as my wife shall limitt or appoint. To Marke Shaftoe,‡ my nephewe, and the heires mailes of his bodie, all my messuage &c., scituate in a certaine streete, called the Cloth markett, together with my mill, standinge in a certaine place, called the Painter heughe, and for defaulte of such issue to come to Launclott, then to Edward,§ then to Christopher, then to Robert, and then to John Shaftoe, my nephewes, in succession, and then to my right heires. To the said Robert, my nephewe, towardes the paiement of my debtes, all my parte of all coles, nowe beinge upon any pitte or staithe, and all my parte of my keles, he the said Robert payeng unto my wife 100*l.* To Isabell Shaftoe, widowe, deceased, and everie one of her children, 10s. a peece. To Anne Shaftoe, widowe, late wife of my brother Ninian, deceased, and everie one of her children, 10s. a peece. To Barbara, daughter of the said Raph Carre, 10*l.* To everie one of my householde servantes, over and besides there wages, 10s. The residue of my goodes &c., to Elizabeth, my wife, whom I make executrixe, and I ordene William Riddle, of the towne of Newcastle, alderman, and John Gibson and William Grenwell, of the same towne, merchantes, overseers, and I give to each of them 10s. Witnesses, William Riddle, John Baxter, John Gibson, Ch. Shaftoe, William Grenwell, Robert Shaftoe, William Bonner, John Shaftoe, John Clibburne.

Apr. 9, 1593. I have caused this schedule to be annexed to

* Her will was proved July 30, 1604, then of St. Nicholas, Newcastle. Administration of her goods was granted to William and Simon Marley, and Eleanor wife of Ralph Carr, her children.

† Daughter of the testator's wife, by her first husband . . . . Marley.

‡ Administration of his goods was granted, Jan. 10, 1595-6, to his brother Lancelot Shafto.

§ Administration granted, Sept. 14, 1605, to his brother Lancelot Shafto.

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my will, concerninge the interest I have in the colepitt at Hollinbush, otherwise called Mrs. Hall's close, in the countie of Durham. I give it unto my nephew Robert Shaftoe, and I also give unto him all suche debtes as are due unto me, either by any of my hostes, or anie of my carriage men, or of any reckninge, wherof there is any booke kept betwene me or any of my partners, for any coles or colepittes. Witnesses, William Riddle, William Grenewell, Ambrose Forster.

XCIX. TESTAMENTUM JACOBI CARR.

April 17, 1593. I James Carre,* borne in Gigleswicke, master of artes in the universitie of Cambridge, and minister of the worde of God in the parishe churche of Alnewicke, being sicke in bodye, but strong in fayth toward our Saviour Christ, and of perfect and good remembrance, commend and committe my soule unto the Lord, with my bodye to be buryed in th'aforesayde parish church, of St. Michaell th'archangell, on the north side of the chancell, within the same churche. Therefore I give unto my deare mother, Mrs. Anne Carre, 20*l.* All whatsoever I have in Craven, in the parish of Gigleswicke, eyther in my brother's hand, or any other frendes, to be disposed, as they shall thinke goode of, to themselves, or to their heires. I give unto my mother a golde ringe, given me by the King of Scottes. To myne eldest brother Thomas a double gold ringe, and to his wife a single ringe. To my brother Rogar's wife, Elizabeth Carre, a single gold ringe, and to her sonne Thomas another. To my sister Margret a gold ringe. I give to myne host Henrye Watson 10*l.*, to be taken of my principalles, and to his sonne, James Watson, 20s. To George Watson 20s. To George Pattinson 10s. To Robert Bullocke 5s. To Wyllyam Bourne 2s. To everye one within myne hoste's house 12d. To everye one within George Watson's house 12d. To everye one within George Pattenson his house 12d. To Mr. Raphe Carre, of Ford, a gold ringe. To Thomas Carre, of Bowmer, a gold ringe. To the good wife of Helton a golde ringe. To Mrs. Dorytye Carre, of Ford, a black silke scarfe, tipped with silver. Fynallye

* A member of a family, that has, for long, been settled in Craven, and that has produced several persons of distinction. The testator was probably a relation of the founder of Giggleswick school, who has put over the door of the schoolhouse a singular inscription, beginning with the line, "Alma Dei mater defende malis Jacobum Carr." His name does not occur among the list of the vicars of Alnwick. The connection, between him and the Carrs of Ford, must have been of friendship and not of blood. We wonder what the services had been for which King James had given him a ringe.

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I appoint myne host, Henrye Watson, my full executor. I give to myne host a pece of redd silke, and to John Wylls, the writer hereof, a gold ringe. Witnesses, George Gray, George Watson, John Wills.

Debtes dew unto this testator. Mr. Raphe Carr, of Ford, oweth me 3*l.* Mrs. Dorytie Carre, and her syster, 30s. Mr. Thomas Carre, of Ford, rector, 7s. Richard Satherthwate, person of Ingreham, 40s. William Carre, of Whitton, 2s. 10d. Anthonye Gibson 16s. Mr. Alder, of Hubberlawe, and George Sisins, 13s. 4d. George Hallyday, uppon an execution, 12s. Robert Whitwham, of Yetlington, 6s. Clement Strother, of Lancton, 10s. Mr. Collingwood, of Branxton, 20s. Mr. Beadnell, of Alnewick, 20s. Summa totalis 11*l.* 17s. 2d.

C. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI WODDRINGTON, MILITIS.

Feb. 15, 1592-3. Sir Henrye Woddrington,* of Woddrington, in the countye of Northumberland, knight, marshall and deputy-governor of her majestie's town of Barwick-upon-Twede. My bodye to be buryed, in the church at Woddrington, amongst my ancestors. To my nephewe, Henrie Woddrington,† c markes, by yeare, which I will my lovinge wiffe, the lady Elyzabeth Woddrington, shall pay unto him, for his better mantenance, so longe as she shalbe possessed, and be lady, of Woddrington, provyded that he use her, with all courtesie and kyndenes, as he ought to doe, or otherwise, this my guyfte to be of no effect or force to him. To my brother's sonne, Roger Woddrington, 20*l.* by yeare, and to his brother, Raphe Woddrington,‡ I gyve xx nobles by yeare, out of my landes and rentes of Haughton and Homeshaughe, during there lyves naturall. To my said nephewe, Roger Woddrington,§ 100*l.*, for the better man-

* The head of the great family of Widdrington; sheriff of Northumberland 1579. He was twice married; first, to Barbara, daughter of Edward Gower, of Stittenham, co. York, esq.; and, secondly, to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Hugh Trevanion, a Cornish knight, who re-married Sir Robert Carey, warden of the marches, afterwards Earl of Monmouth. He left no issue by either marriage.

† Afterwards Sir Henry Widdrington, knight, a man of note in border warfare; the eldest son of the testator's brother Edward, by Ursula, daughter and coheir of Reginald Carnaby, of Halton, co. Northumberland, esq.

‡ Afterwards Sir Ralph Widdrington, knight, the second son of the testator's brother Edward.

§ Roger Widdrington, of Harbottle castle and Cartington, the third son of his brother Edward. His inventory, taken March 5, 1641-2, is very curious, and indicates a man of taste and elegance. The gift of 100*l.* from his uncle, shews that he had early manifested a love of literature, and at his death, there were found in his *studdie*, "bookes, mathematicall instruments, drawing boxes and pictures." A little iron chest probably contained some treasured rarities. His

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tenance of his studie and librarye, which 100*l.* I wyll shalbe paid him in readye monie, by my loving wiffe, the lady Elyzabeth Woddrington, within one yeare after my decease. To Raphe Kyllinghall,* my servant, xx markes. To Henry Kearton, my servant, 10*l.* To John Barton, my servant, 5*l.* To John Wilson, my servant, 40s. To Henry Yonger, keaper of my parke, at Woddrington, 10*l.* To James Murdre, my servant, v markes. To Thomas Dent, the tipstaffe, his sonne, Robert Dent, 10*l.* (To Robert Ryveley 5*l.*)† I wyll that the three peaces of great ordnance, nowe remaynynge in my houwse at Barwick, be caryed to Woddrington, and there to remayne. And I will that George Homere have 5*l.* more payd him, to that which I have myself alreadye payd him. The rest of my goodes &c., to my lovinge wiffe, the ladie Elyzabeth Woddington, whome I make executrix, and also I doe gyve unto her all such monye, as is owing or dewe unto me, by any maner of bond &c. Witnesses, William Carey, Anthonye Cariswall, Raphe Kyllynghall.

Inv. Apr. 24, 1593. *At Barwicke.* In redye monye 500*l.* *In the great chamber.* Sixe peces of hanginges, of arras worke, 6*l.* j large drawinge table, and ij cowrt cupbords, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. ij formes and vj buffett stooles 8s. 4d. j pare of virgynalls, standing on a frame, 26s. 8d. j square table, and ij chaires, trymd with nedle-worke, 13s. 4d. j long carpete, of arras worke, and j square of nedle-worke, 36s. 8d. ij cupbord clothes, and a wyndowe clothe, of darnyxe, 5s. vj nedle-worke quishinges 10s. x buffett stowles, seated with grene clothe and silke fringe, 15s. j owld turkye carpett 3s. 4d. j long-setell 3s. 4d. *In the upper chamber.* One bedsteade, with teaster, valens and curtaines, 40s. ij featherbeddes, j bolster, j pillowe, ij blankettes, j coverlytt, and j coveringe, of imagerie, 3*l.* iiij chaires, j close cupbord, ij plaine cupbordes, and ij cupbord clothes, of darnixe, 26s. j stoupe bedsteade, with teaster and curtains of grene saye, 30s. j featherbedd, j bolster, j pillowe, ij blankettes, j coverlitt, and j grene

three watches, ten bloodstones, silver table book, silver boxes, "corsanits with diamondes, pearle bracelettes, gold crosses, gold ringes, nine in number, xv aggate beades &c.," may account for the unsatisfactory state of his balance sheet, whilst they point to habits of display and extravagance. His goods sum up 1446*l.* 14s. 7d., his debts 6620*l.* 0s. 2d. A trunk, which had been left, by him, at Sir George Wentworth's, at Wolley, contained three pair of gold and silvered embroidered gloves, six pair of plain gloves, two purses, wrought with gold and silver, a set of silver counters, viz., thirty-eight, with a silver box, two other silver boxes, eight red silk and silver points, two bracelets of "currall and curralline," one black chain, two black bracelets, two gold and silver thread of pearls, a silver bell, four pair of jewels &c."

* Third son of John Killinghall, of Middleton St. George, co. Durham, esq., a captain in the garrison of Berwick.

† The entry within brackets is struck out.

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rugge, 33s. 4d. ij tronkes 6s. 8d. j range of irne, j poor, and j fyer-sholve, 5s. 4d. vj nedle-worke quishinges 10s. j paire of virginalls 10s. j chist and ij tronkes, with lynninge in them, 20*l.* *In Sir Henrye his chamber.* One bedsteade, with a canabye, of darnixe, 10s. j featherbedde, j boulster, ij blankes, j coverlite, and j coveringe of arras, 30s. j irne range 4s. ij close cupbordes, and j chaire, 7s. 8d. ij other cupbordes 5s. 8d. Hanginges, of darnixe, 10s. j great chist and ij deskes 11s. 8d. j two-handed sword 3s. 4d. j lytle coffer, for lynninge, 2s. Sattan cloke, garded with velvett and gowld lace, 4*l.* A sleved cloke, of blacke velvett, waved with lace and long buttons, 30s. A short velvett cloke, with lace and longe buttons, 48s. j blacke velvett jerkinge, and j mandulion, of grogran, 30s. A mandilyon, of lawnge cloth, and a paire of hose, of grogran, 28s. Gowld buttons 7*l.* 14s. j greate trunke 6s. 8d. Dublitt and hose, of tawnye sattan, waved with gowld lace, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. Dublitt and hose, of blacke sattan, with hevie lace of gowld, 3*l.* Dublitt and hose, of blacke sattan, with velvett and gowld twiste, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. Dublitt, of blacke sattan, with hose, the paines velvett, with gowld lace, 40s. A Spanishe leather jerkinge 30s. j lesser trunke 4s. j paire of Frenche hose, of blacke sattan, with gowld lace, 26s. 8d. j black sattan dublitt and hose, with velvett paines, 40s. j paire of venicians, of black velvett, with tanye and gowld lace, 30s. j blacke velvette capp, and ij pare of cipres garters, 11s. 8d. Showes and silke stockinges 33s. Worstite stockinges 10s. j pare of pistoll stringes, and ij night cappes, 8s. 4d. j sword and dagger, with girdell and hangers, 10s. ij beaver hattes and j taffetye hatte 26s. 8d. j tawnye sattan dublett 20s. *In the wardrobe.* One great Flanders chiste 6s. 8d. j night gowne, of tuffted tafetie, 10s. iiij coverlittes and iij peces, of darnixe, 20s. *In the butrie.* One basen and ewre, of silver, parcell gilte, 15*l.* Two saltes, gilte, with covers, 8*l.* 5s. Two ewre pottes, parcell gilte, 13*l.* 10s. Two bowles, parcell gilte, with a cover, 9*l.* One boule, gilte, with a cover, 4*l.* 10s. Two plaine bowles 4*l.* 10s. iiij tunes, with a case and cover, 10*l.* xxx spownes 9*l.* 12s. ix candelstickes, iiij pottes, one salt, ij basinges, and one ewre, of puder, 18s. 4d. ij voidens, of pewder, 2s. Two jackes, one bread-binge, j table and forme, 8s. 8d. *In the hall.* Two longe tables, ij benches and ij furmes, 9s. *In the kitchinge.* One irne chymneye, j paire of rackes, and iiij spittes, 44s. j morter and pestell, ij clyvers, ij shreding knyves, j chopinge knyf, 5s. 4d. iiij panes, j skellitt, ij drippinge panes, j frying pane, j chafing dishe, 13s. 4d. j beefe pote, iij other pottes, ij possnettes, a pele, a fier porr, 10s. 4d. j grid-irne, j rostinge irne, j fier-shoule, and pothokes,

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3s. 7d. The driser bordes 6s. Pewder vessell 37s. 2d. iij powderinge tubes 3s. *In the stable.* One baye nage 5*l.* j graye nage 4*l.* ij cotche horses 6*l.* 13s. 4d. Sadles, with furnytures, 33s. xlv fir dells 30s. A stacke of haye 40s. *In the landrye.* One pan, j caule for capons, j great water tube, ij washinge tubes, j soa, ij flaskittes, j lader, 5s. 6d.

WOODRINGTON. *In the great chamber.* Fyve peces of hanginges, of imagerie, 16*l.* j drawinge table, with table clothe of grene, 4*l.* ij grene velvett chaires, and j of read velvett, 46s. 8d. j square table, iij syde cupbordes, and iij formes, 26s. ij read damaske quishinges, viij buffett stooles, seated with grene, 15s. 10d. Grene stoles, embrodered, and ij grene cupbord clothes, 16s. 6d. iij quishinges of nedle-worke, and j longe quishinge, of grene velvet, 23s. 4d. j great iren bond chist 10s. *In the garden chamber.* One bedsteade, with teaster, vallens, and curtaines, of damaske, 16*l.* j chaire, j longe quishinge, and ij stooles, sutable, 4*l.* j featherbed, j boulster and v blankettes, ij pillowes and j quilt, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. ij cupbordes, and ij copbord clothes, 30s. The hanginges of the chamber, of grene saye, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. *In the sealed chamber.* One bedstead, with teaster and valens, of purple velvett, and curtaines, of damaske, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. j chaire, a longe quishinge, ij stooles, sutable, a featherbedd, a boulster, ij pillowes, ij blankettes, and a taffetye quilt, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. *In the studye, within the greate chamber.* One bedsteade, j featherbedd, j boulster, j paire of blankettes, iij curtaynes, and a coveringe, of arras worke, 46s. 8d. *In the mydle chamber.* One bedsteade, with valens, a coveringe, and a copbord clothe, of nedle-worke, and curtaines, of taffetie, j featherbedd, a boulster, ij pillowes, duble blankettes, j irne range, and j syde cupbord, 8*l.* 6s. 8d. A bedsteade, with teaster, valens and curtaines, of darnix, j featherbedd, j boulster and blankes, j coveringe, of arras, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j featherbedd, j boulster, ij blankettes, j pillowe, j orange tanye rugge, and j chaire, 57s. *In the large parler.* One bedstead, with valens and curtaines, of taffetye, 46s. 8d. A featherbedd, a boulster, j pillowe, ij blankettes, j grene rugge, ij chaires and ij quishinges, 3*l.* Hanginges, of blew flanell, j chist, j cupbord, j close bedstead, and j chaire, 18s. 4d. j bedsteade, ij chistes, ij presses, and certaine boxes, 20s. *In the staire-head chamber.* One bedsteade, with valens and curtaines, j featherbed, j boulster, j pillowe, ij blankettes, j coveringe, of arras, j quilte, j cupbord, and j chaire, 43s. 4d. *In the south turrett.* One stoupe bedsteade, teaster, valens and curtaines, j featherbed, a boulster, ij blankettes, and a coveringe, red and yellow, 40s. *In the towre-head chamber.* A bedstead, with curtaines, a featherbed, a boulster, ij blankettes, j

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pillowe, and a coveringe of read, 50s. *In the highe chambers.* Thre bedsteades, j cupbord and j chaire, 20s. *In the hall.* Towe bordes, ij formes, j square table, j irne chimleye, 20s. *In the kitchinge.* One irne chimneye, j pare of rackes, j fier porre, 40s. ij brasen morters, iiij spittes, ij crokes, with irnes in the wall, 14s. 4d. xxviij peces of pewder 13s. 4d. vj pottes, vj panes, viij chamber pottes, and ij panes for stowles, 43s. 4d. Powderinge tubbes, drisser bord and caule, and a copbord, 13s. 4d. *In the new house.* One leade, ij standfattes, j troughe, xx hogesheades, j soa, j great bord, ij wort troughes, j washing tube, j coler, j gillfatt, 4*l.* 4s. 4d. *In the butrie.* Thre trayes, a litle syd cupbord, ij barells, iij candelstickes, j basen and ewre, 8s. j bread-binge, j chist, v gantres, iij canns, and j juge, 7s. 4d. *Cattell.* xxj drawght oxen, and xviij stottes, wherof iij fower yeres, xv thre yeares owld, 46*l.* 6s. 8d. lj kyne, and xxv calves, 54*l.* 6s. 8d. xvj quyes, of iij yeares owld, 10*l.* 13s. 4d. xv calves, of one yeare owld, and xlv, of two yeares owld, 27*l.* 10s. Two horses, for the carte, 4*l.* xix weather, and vj tuppes, 5*l.* 15s. lxxxj yewes, and xcj lambes, 20*l.* 13s. 4d. Hogges, lxv, 5*l.* 13s. 4d. One mare and iij fooles 4*l.* 13s. 4d. In wayne-geare, plugh-geare and necessaries belonging to husbandrye, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. Summa totalis 1013*l.* 2s. 9d. ✠

CI. THOMAS PHILIPSONE, OF NEWCASTLE-UPPON-TYNE, CORDINER.

Inventory. May 7, 1593. *The hall.* One irne chymneye, and ij crowkes of irne, 10s. 8d. j peire of roistyng irnes, a peire of tonges, a speate, a peire of litle irne rackes, with a peire of gibe croukes, 2s. A tostinge irne and a fleshe howcke 3d. j almerye 20s. j longe drawe table 12s. j lesser drawe table 6s. 8d. j forme 8d. iiij buffet stulles 3s. ij chaires 16d. ij swordes 12s. j peire of playinge tables 12d. j Byble bucke, with pissells, gospells and common prayers, 5s. iij greit chargers, of puter, 10s. iiij lessere chargers 8s. iiij dooblers, of putter, 10s. 8d. xiiij banquytynge dishes, of putter, 7s. xvj putter saucers 4s. j lattyne bassynge 2s. 6d. ij Danske pottell pottes, of putter, ij Danske quartes, and a pynte pote, 10s. iij quarte pottes and a pynte pot, of putter, 4s. 8d. v putter candlestickes 5s. iiij lattyng laverse 2s. 6d. j lytle morter, with a irne pestle, 12d. ix lattynge candlestickes 6s. iij litle tunes, of putter, with a cover, 12d. v putter saltes 20d. ij putter gobletes 16d. iiij flowred putter potes 16d. j posset bowle, of putter, 8d. A glase caige 4d. A towele rowle, of wood, 2d. j hangyng candlesticke, of latten, 8d. vj qwiscyons, of carpet work, 20s. A green

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qwiscione 12d. vj qwiscions, of talor runndes, 2s. A litle putter bottell 3d. ij carpett cloithes, of dornycks, 8s. *The buttarye.* Nyne putter dublers 10s. viij putter dishes 5s. vj banqwytinge dishes 3s. xij tyne spoynes, a putter goggey, and ij tyne ladelles, 18d. v putter dyshes 4s. j chaffyng dishe 10d. v brace pottes, and a posnet potte, 34s. iij kettels, v litle pannes, and ij skommers, 12s. j droppinge panne, a fryinge panne and a litle birde speite, 2s. ij dussone wood trynchers 4d. *The guyle house.* Tow earthen dublers and vj earthen pottes 8d. ij peire of pepper whernes and a streaner 3s. j chiste 16d. ij wande panyers 6d. A woode pecke, iij woode huppes, and a woode flacket, 12d. j guyle fatte, and a wort tube, 12d. vj ayele standes, with a wood trowghe, 2s. j peire of temmes 2d. A mugge and iij bowlles of wood 4d. j wood soa, iij bukketes, and a mylke syele, 14d. A maskinge tube, and a tube for graynes, 10d. j kytchin bord, of oke, 8d. iij stone trowghes 10d. iiij oulde caskes 8d. viij tubbes 16d. j halbart and a bill stafe 2s. 6d. j callyvere, flaxe and touche-box, 6s. 8d. j oulde forme and a wood bracke 12d. iij wheilles 18d. j mate for a bed 2d. ij spruse dalles 3s. j weye-bawcke, and a ould chist, with the brades, 8d. iiij irne barres 20d. *The shope betwixt the dores.* One beddesteed, ij happinges, a bolster, a code, and a peire of sheites, 4s. iiij tubes 12d. j irne pote 12d. A round peice of rossell 6d. j peice of tallowe 8d. ij gallons of oyell 2s. 4d. *The chamber overe betwen the dorres.* One irne chymneye, a crucke, and a porre, 5s. j chaire 8d. A firr bourd and ij tresles 6d. A lytle forme 2d. ij Dannske chistes 8s. j woode presser 4s. A hirle bedde and a buffet forme 16d. iij beddesteides 4s. j fetherebed, j bolster, a code, a coveringe, of tapestrie, iij hangynges, read and green, with the fleers, 53s. 4d. ij othere fetherebedes, a matrice, ij bolsters, and a code, 27s. viij coverletes and iij blanketes 11s. iij boulsters and iiij codes 12s. viij happinges 5s. 4d. ij chamber pottes 16d. *His apperrell in the same chamber.* One gowne, faced with blacke connye, 20s. A cloucke, of violet in grayne, 20s. A clouke, of huswif cloith, 10s. A dublet, of blacke rashe, 8s. One dublett, of dunne fustion, 3s. One peire of vyolet in grayne breiches 4s. j peire of breiches, of Yorkshiere cloith, 2s. 8d. j frease jerkinge 18d. j felte hatte 8s. ij peire of stockyngs 3s. 4d. iij paynted teisters, and a paynted clothe, with a lattynge candelsticke, and a litle stule, 14d. *The chamber over the hall.* A fetherebed, and a matrice-bede, beinge ould, 6s. A newe matres-bed 2s. 6d. ij coverletes, and a ould oversee bed 3s. iij bedesteides 8s. iij paynted teasters 6d. j Flannders chist 20d. j chiste and ij ould coffers 2s. ij boulsters and ij codes 2s. j chalder of ote

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malte 38s. j boule of blanded malte 4s. ij malte seckes 12d. iiij wallettes 12d. ij litle malte gardiners 16d. x hespes of harden garne 3s. 4d. j ould sadle 12d. xiiij yerdes of lynnenge cloeth 11s. 8d. xxv yerdes of course lynnenge clothe 12s. 6d. xxvj yerdes of harden cloeth 6s. 6d. v lynnenge shirtes 6s. 8d. ix peire of lyne sheites 3*l.* iiij peire and a sheite of strykynge cloethe 12s. iij hedsheites and a napkinge 5s. A peire of fleers, of lynninge cloethe, 2s. 6d. iiij hande towels 16d. xxj cod pillybers 14s. ij dossone and a halfe of lynenge table napkinges 16s. A damaske bord cloeth 6s. iiij lynnenge bord cloethes, and a harden bord cloeth, 13s. *Moveables.* Two kye 46s. 8d. iiij qwes and ij yonge stottes 4*l.* *Leases.* A lease of iiij tenantes, for certon yers unexpired, *(blank).* *The shoppe in the midle stret.* Thre peire of butes 7s. A peire of oulde buttes vampetynge 12d. A doosson and a halfe of dobel-soled shoes 13s. 6d. vj peire of syngel-soled stowpe shoes 3s. The lastes in the said shoppe, a hamber, ij shapping knyfes, shope bordes, with the othere ymplementes, 3s. 4d. j oulde shope chist 6d. *Despret debtes.* In his debt bucke 21*l.* 19s. 5d. Mr. Lieonell Madeson, merchant, is indebted to the testator 3*l.* 5s. *Debtes owen.* Debtes owen by hym 9*l.* To William Hall, bearebrewer, 10*l.* The whole some, exceptinge the lease, debtes deducted, is 51*l.* 9s. 4d. ✠

CII. WILLIAM CAREY, OF BARWICKE.

An inventorie of the goodes of William Carey,* esquire, taken the xxvth of Marche, 1593, by Captaine Carvile, Ector Woddrington, Henry Sysson, Edward Hall, and Quynten Stringer.

In the hall. Two armors of profe 50s. ij curates 30s. A plackett 4s. A black targett of profe 10s. x muskettes, and a bastard muskett, 10*l.* iiij callyvers 20s. A paire of maile sleves 10s. A case of pistoles 10s. ix black moryons 9s. A graven moryon 6s. 8d. A gilt rapor and a dagger 10s. A Scotish sworde 6s. A raper, varnished black, 6s. 8d. A drome and a case of fyfes 40s. A steel capp 2s. A Danske hatchett 2s. A presse 8s. A jack and sleves of plate 13s. 4d. *In the great chamber.* The hanginges 3*l.* 6s. 8d. A square table 5s. A long table, with a court cubborde, sewtable, 40s. iij holbardes

* A relation of Henry Carey, Queen Elizabeth's cousin, who was created by her Lord Hunsden. The Careys were for many years connected with the borders, Lord Hunsden having been governor of Berwick, and warden of the marches, and his son, Sir Robert Carey, also warden of the marches. The testator left a widow, Martha Carey, to whom administration was granted May 18, 1593.

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20s. A graven targett 13s. 4d. ij joyned chaires 10s. One yron chymney, with ymplementes therunto belonginge, 10s. Half a dozen of quyshons 12s. A two-handed sword 10s. *In the bedchamber.* A foold bedstead, with furnyture therto, 30s. ij trunckes 10s. ix paire of sheetes 50s. A dyaper tablecloth, and a duzen napkins, 20s. A duzen of course napkines 4s. ij towells 7s. ij duzen of fyne napkines 12s. An yron chimney, with tonges and fyer shouell, 12s. A great chest 10s. ij bookes of Marters and one of Statutes 10s. *In the kytchyn.* Two bras candelstickes 4s. ij pewter candelstickes 3s. iiij brase pottes 30s. An old skyllett 6d. A poote of yron 6d. iiij bras kettells 13s. 4d. A broylinge yron 4s. A bras potlyd and a frying pann 2s. 6d. The raykes, chimney, shell and crokes, 40s. The pewter 20s. Pewter pottes 10s. Vessels of wood 2s. *In the lower lodging.* A field bedd, covered with grene saye, the bedd and furnyture belonging to it, 5*l.* A coverlett and a paire of blanketes 20s. *His apparell.* A dublett and hose, of black satten pinched, 50s. A paier of old velvett hose, and an old satten doblett, 13s. 4d. A short cloke, of satten, 40s. A short velvett cloke 3*l.* A rydeing cloke, basses and hood, 40s. A fryse jirkyn 3s. An olde grogram cloke 13s. 4d. A paire of silke stockings 10s. A paire of round hose 10s. A read scarfe 10s. A read testar, and vallens of read clothe, unfynished, 26s. 8d. A black felt hatt 2s. v yeardes of read clothe 36s. An olde gowne 13s. 4d. A gyrdle and hangers 20s. Four kyne 6*l.* ij oxen 4*l.* 10s. An old trunke 2s. Corne delyverd to the soldyers, wheat, otes and maulte, 9*l.* lxvj bolles of wheat 22*l.* lxvij boles of wheat, sowne, 23*l.* x boles of pease, sowne, 50s. vij boles of mouldy pease 23s. 4d. lx boles of bear 16*l.* cxxiij boles of otes, sowne, 18*l.* 10s. l boles of growne otes 5*l.* cxl sheep and l lambes 28*l.* Plowes, waine and cartes, 40s. xix oxen 38*l.* *In the stable.* Two cotch horses 8*l.* A cotche 8*l.* A whyte nagg 50s. A rone nagg 26s. 8d. A graye horse, for a trunke, 20s. ij pyllyons, furnyshed, 20s. A trunke sadle 7s. A grene sadle 4s. The plate, cij ounces, 25*l.* 10s. Yarne, unwoven, 3*l.* Summa totalis 295*l.* 10d. ✠

CIII. TESTAMENTUM HECTORIS WOODDRINGTON.

Apr. 28, 1593. Hector Wooddrington,* one of the constables

* An illegitimate son of Sir John Widdrington, warden of the middle marches, by his maid-servant Alice. His brother, Sir Henry Widdrington, whose will is printed in this volume, was governor of Berwick, and to his patronage he probably owed his office at Berwick, as he did his farm at Chibburne. He seems to have been on affectionate terms with the legitimate members of his family, if we may judge from his bequests and the executorship of his will.

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of horsmen, of her majistie's towne of Barwicke-upon-Twede. I gyve to Raphe Woodrington the house in Barwike, wherein I nowe dwell, and 50*l.*, to be payd him uppon the receipt of my goodes and debtes. To Isabell Graye, dowghter unto my sister Marye Graye, 40*l.* To my syster, Rebecka Wooddrington, 10*l.* To my brother, Isacke Woodrington, his eldest sonne Roberte, 10*l.* To my servantes, Mathewe Humphraye and Thomas Raye, eyther of them 10*l.*, and all the corne, betwene them, I have lyinge at Chibburne. To Steven Bell 40s. To Roland Arthur 6*l.* To Marye Lancaster, in remembrannce of my good will towardes her, c angells. To Thomas Garratt and Hector Garratt 10*l.*, between them, to be equalye devided. To John Harwood 10*l.* To William Tappye, in consyderacion of all his paynes, and debtes I owe him, 5*l.* The rest of all my goodes &c., I gyve to Elizabeth ladye Wooddrington, her heirs and assignes for ever, whome I ordeyne and make my sole executrixe. I gyve to William Teasdale 40s., and unto Hector Hall 40s. To Emy 20s., and a cote. [Pr. June 15, 1593].

Inv. May 15, 1593. Tow featherbedes, ij boulsters, ij pillowes, ij blankettes, j coverlitte, and j grene rugge, 46s. 8d. vj quishinges, j carpett, of arras worke, 13s. 4d. j jacke, j stele capp, covered with velvett, j caliver, with flaxe and tutche-boxe, and ij halbartes, 40s. j rydinge cloke, and j blacke cloke, 3*l.* 10s. j Dutche cloke, garded with velvett, 20s. j mourninge cloke 24s. j dublitt and hose, of blacke sattan, 40s. j pare of French hose, with crimosen sattan carryons, 20s. j pare of vembrans, of blacke velvett, 20s. j lyverie cote 15s. j read scarfe, and j pare of silke stockins, 20s. Dublitt and hose, of blacke rash, 26s. 8d. j whyte canvas dublitt, and taunye hose, 10s. j dublitt, of ash colored canves, and grene cloth hose, 13s. 4d. iiij pare of shetes 2s. 8d. iij shertes 3s. viij falinge bandes, with some ruffes, 3s. j blacke beavor hatt, and j felt hatt, 10s. Curtaynes and vallens, of grene saye, 6s. 8d. j beadsteade, with teaster and curtaines, of darnixe, j twill bedd, and featherbed, j bolster, j pillow, iij blanketes, j covering, of arras werke, 30s. ij short swordes 13s. 4d. j night gowne, of buffyng, 15s. j night gowne, of cloth, 15s. j freyes jirken 12d. j firr chist 5s. j graye nage 3*l.* 6s. 8d. ij sadells, garded with velvett, 20s. j sadle, uncovered, 3s. 4d. j soe and j pale 12d. j pare of botes, and ij pare of showes 2s. 6d. A debte owinge by Thomas Corbett, for the which there is certaine implementes of houshowld in pawne, 5*l.* 7s. ij pare of worstett stockins 4s. In monye receyved of his paye 19*l.* 2s. *Goodes at Chiburne.* One Flanders chist 4s. In the same chist, iij table clothes, and ij cubborde clothes, 13s. 4d. vij napkins 2s. 4d. j featherbed, j bolster, ij pillowes,

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ij blankettes, j pece of blewe clothe, j quilt, and j coveringe, of arras, 40s. j greate chiste 7s. j basen and ewre, iiij pewder dishes, v sawcers, vj porringers, and iij broken candlestickes, 8s. j quishinge, of arras werke, and ij peces of nedell-werke for quishinges 14d. j crosbowe and a racke 13s. 4d. Summa totalis 58*l.* 4d. ✠

CIV. TESTAMENTUM URSULÆ BRANDLING.

Aug. 11, 1593. Ursula Brandling,* of the towne of Newcastle-uppon-Tyne, wedowe. My bodye to be beried in the parishe churche of St. Nicholas, in the said towne. To my sonne Richard, eight draught oxen, being att Wardley, in the countie of Durham, with all plowes and plow-geare, waynes and waynegeare, and all other implementes of husbandrie, at Wardley.

* The widow of Henry Brandling, sheriff of Newcastle 1566, mayor 1568, 1575-6, himself a wealthy merchant, and one of an old and prosperous family of Newcastle tradesmen. The testatrix, his second wife, was the daughter of William Buckton, of Buckton, co. York, gent., and widow of George Collingwood, of Eslington, esq. His first wife was Margaret, daughter of Christopher Mitford, of Newcastle, merchant and alderman. The will of Henry Brandling is dated July 10, 1578, and was proved January 19, 1578-9. He desires burial in St. Nicholas church, near his father. To his son Robert, begotten of his first wife Margaret, and to his heirs, he gives his two "wine mylles, called easter and wester mylles, with a close perteyninge to the easter mylne, and fower leyses, wheron the wester mylne standethe, a greate house, called Pandone hall, and a tenemente in the Flesher rawe &c.," and for default of him and his heirs, then to Richard, his son, by Ursula his second wife, then to his son William, and then to his right heirs. To his son Richard, he leaves his house, "nowe buylded in the close, a house called the Maste house, withe a tenemente in the fore streate, and a waiste grounde, perteynenge to it, in Sandgate, a tenemente, with one garthe and one rigge, without Pilgrim streate gate, on the easte syde, a stone house, with a garthe and a close, called the horse marshall close, a tenement in the wester rowe &c." To his son William "my house in Broad chare, and the gardinge in Pandone, my horse mylne, two tenementes, besides the pante, a close, called Sandford close &c." To his daughter Ursula the remainder of the cccc marks he gave her to her marriage portion. To each of his sons, to help them to a stock, ccc marks. To his daughter Carre a belt, which was his mother's, and which cost him, of his sister Carre, 7*l.* To his daughters Anne Shaftowe and Margaret Selbie, towards the bringing up of their children, 50*l.* a piece. To Christopher, Robert, and John Shaftowe 40s. each, and to each of their sisters a young why, and to Elizabeth and Jane Selbie a why a piece. To his base-begotten son Robert Brandling 20*l.*, "in this waye, to have the tiethe corne of Weste Brunton, for v yeres, payinge 12d. a yere to my wief, and at the ende of v yeres yt to come to my wief." To his wife the house he dwells in, and his lease of Wardley. To the two daughters of his daughter Carre, two whies each. To his poor cousin Jane Brandling v marks. "And whereas Mr. Collingwoode, in hys minoritie, did, as he supposethe, bringe certen writinges and evidences to my house, to be in his mother's kepinge and myne, and doubtinge that some should yet remayne, I will that a searche ys to be made among my evidences, and whatsoever doe pertaine to the saide Sir Cuthberte Collingewoode, to be restored, withoute anye kinde of embaselmente." His wife executor, and Sir Cuthbert Collingwood, William Carre, of Ford, esq., and Mark Shaftowe, of Newcastle, merchant and alderman, supervisors.

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To my said sonne Richard, so muche corne, of everie kinde of grayne, as will sowe all the arrable landes, usually in tillinge, att Wardeley, as well harde corne lande, as ware corne lande, the next seed tyme after my deathe. To my sonne William Brandling 40*l.*, to be paid in fower yeares, everie yeare 13*l.* 6s. 8d. To Travinion Collingwood, sonne unto my sonne Sir Cuthbert Collingwood, knight, my two draughtes of oxen, being sixtene in number, being att Weetslaide, in the countie of Northumberland, and so much corne, of every kinde, as will sowe all the arrable groundes, at Weetslaid. To every childe of my sonne Richard Brandling an oulde angell, for a token. To Julian,* daughter of Henry Anderson, esquier, an ould angell, for a token. To Elizabeth and Jane, daughters of William Carre,† late of Forde, in the county of Northumberland, esquier, deceased, 4*l.*, to be equally divided betwene them. To my daughter Ursula Carre, of Forde, wedowe, an oulde anngell, for a token. To William Huntly, merchannt, an olde anngell, for a token. To Anne Shafto,‡ wedowe, an olde anngell, for a token. To Anne Beednell, my servannte, 3*l.* To my sonne Sir Cuthbert Collingwood, knighte, a neste of guilded bowles, being three boules, and a cover, to be kept in remembrance of me. The residue of all my goodes &c., to my saide sonne Sir Cuthbert Collingwood, knyghte, whom I make sole executor. Witnesses, John Collingwood, Henry Bednell and John Cliborne, scriptor.

CV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ BOWES.

April 6, 1593. Thomas Bowes,§ of Newcastle-upon-Tine, merchant. My bodie to be buried in the churche of St. Nicholas. I give unto Annise, my wyf, a rose noble, for a token. To Robert, my sone, a rose noble, for a token. To George, my

* Great grand-daughter of the testatrix, and child of Henry Anderson, of Haswell grange, co. Durham, and Newcastle, esq.

† Administration of his goods was granted April 7, 1587, to Ursula, his widow.

‡ Daughter of the testatrix, and widow of Ninian Shafto, of Newcastle, merchant-adventurer, ancestor of the families of Benwell and Whitworth.

§ It does not appear how the testator, the *homo prepositus* of the line of Thornton, co. Durham, was allied to the family of Bowes, of Bradley, but it seems probable, that he was a scion of that house. His grandson, Sir Francis Bowes, received in 1639, a grant of the old Bowes arms, with the addition of "three torteauxes in chief, for a difference," from Sir John Borough, garter, in consequence of a certificate from Sir George Bowes, of Bradley, whereby he acknowledged Francis Bowes to be a member of his family. At the same time it must be said, that these certificates were very doubtful evidence, for they were frequently given without any relationship to warrant such a testimony.

He had a large family. When administration was granted, he was found to have the following children, Henry of age, Robert, Thomas, George, Roger, Margaret, Isabel, Elizabeth, Barbara, Eleanor, Agnes, and Mary, minors.

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sone, a goulde ringe, with a tode stone, for a token. To Thomas, my yongest sone, a signet of goulde, for a token. To everie child I have, 20*l.* a pece, in full satisffaction of ther portions, and if my goodes will not amount so farre, then it is my will, that my houses in Gaitsyd, my house, with my two shoppes, and a backsyd, or wast, which I bought of William Lambe, shall be soulde, for the full acomplishment therof. The rest of my goodes &c., I give unto Annese Bowes, my wyf, and to Thomas Bowes, my sone, whom I make executors of this my wyll. [Pr. Sept. 28, 1593.]

Inv. *The shopp.* Thretene small Latting bokes 6s. 6d. vj lbs sken thred, at 5s. per lb, 1*l.* 10s. xij lbs thred, at 4s. per lb, 2*l.* 8s. vj lbs skene thred, at 6s. per lb, 1*l.* 16s. iiij lbs and a half fine thred, at 2s. per lb, 9s. v lbs thred, at 3s. 4d., 16s. 8d. vj lbs skene thred, at 3s. 6d., 1*l.* 1s. vj lbs, at 8s., 2*l.* 8s. j lb of read crule 3s. 4d. xx dossen layse, at 9d., 15s. xiiij pene and inckornes, at 3d., 3s. 6d. viij ynkhornes, at 1d., 8d. v lbs whyt inkell, at 3s. 4d., 10s. 8d. v boxxes of combes, at 2s., 10s. ij pesses buttcloth, at 7s., 14s. ij pesses durance, at 7s., 14s. j pesse buffyn 1*l.* 6s. 4 lbs whyt inkell, at 3s. 4d., 13s. 4d. vj dossen layss, at 12d., 6s. ij lbs frynge, at 2s. 6d., 5s. iij lbs blue Coventer thryd 13s. j lb and a halfe course thryd 1s. 6d. vj dossen tapp, at 10d., 5s. j lb and a halfe silke 1*l.* 13s. ij lbs fyne thred, at 16s., 1*l.* 12s. Half a pounde syllke parchment las 8s. xij dossen gartringe 9s. j lb and a halfe knytinge nedeles 2s. 6d. ij remblantes of taffin 3s. ij remblantes of durannce 6s. iij pesses vellur 8*l.* A quarte of pipe gould 1s. ix dossen laysse 7s. 6d. v gros of viij lbs pynnes 1*l.* 15s. x blake cappes 15s. Counteres and courtinge ringes 3s. Thre quarter of a pounde of silke 18s. v yeardes bon las 2s. 6d. vj yds laysse 4s. vj yds bonne laysse 3s. 6d. xij yds bonne laysse 6s. iiij yds bonne laysse 1s. xxiiij dossen threed bottens 2s. iij dossen poyntinge silke 4s. 6d. ij lbs blacke silke layse 12s. vj lether girdelles 6s. xij dossen silke and silver bottones 12s. xij dossen silke bottones 7s. xij dossen toufte bottones 3s. iij lbs and a halfe of sekke lass, at 20s., 3*l.* 10s. j lokings glasse 1s. iiij hower glasses 1s. iij lbs of sinament 14s. Two hundreth weyght of mache 2*l.* vij gros and a half of pynes 1*l.* 17s. vj reme of whyt paper 1*l.* 4s. xij lbs sal twine 6s. xij (*blank*) kobbres 1s. 6d. vj lbs of glue 2s. xiiij payer cardes 2s. 4d. xx reme of brune paper 10s. ij dossen grenne peper 2*l.* 8d. xix lbs of cloves 6*l.* 6s. 8d. v lbs mace 3*l.* xxviij lbs annetseed 1*l.* 3s. 4d. v lbs nutmages 1*l.* 5s. xlviij oynone sed 2*l.* 8d. j lb of tornsell 1*l.* 1s. xiij lbs of stackornes 4s. v lbs of cadis 5s. xx gros trenchers 3*l.* 6s. 8d. xl gros of cowrse trencheres 4*l.* xxij lbs

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tormrake 2*l.* 4s. ij lbs read lead 8d. ij peses rasinges and a half 3*l.* xij lbs sanderes 18s. ij lbs whycksylver 6s. 8d. l lbs of gynger 2*l.* 10s. iij bordinges of stelle 1*l.* xij lbs of curentes 5s. xxviij lbs of prunes 3s. xcviij lbs peper 14*l.* 14s. j ferkynge of swet sopp 16s. Halfe a ferkynge of cowrse sop 5s. Halfe a barrell of Englishe honey, and a quarter of a terse of Bourdas hone, 2*l.* 1s. Half a barell of turpintyne 1*l.* Half a barell of pyche 4s. vj dossen of womane's hoyse 3*l.* 18d. vj balack potes 1s. xviij ounce of saffron 1*l.* 11s. 6d. iij lbs of allmondes 2s. Two hundreth starche 2*l.* 8d. Twelve hundreth weighte of prunes 13*l.* 7s. One hundreth weyghte of ockar 1*l.* 7d. Thre hundrethe weyght curentes 7*l.* Six hundrethe weyght of hoppes 12*l.* xxvij ston Inglish iron, at 1s. 3d., 1*l.* 13s. 9d. One hundreth weyght of brymston 1*l.* 7s. Thre hundreth weyght of copperas 1*l.* 10s. ix ferkenge of sopp 5*l.* v barrells of pyche 1*l.* 15s. ij wanskotts 4s. xv stone of hemp 10s. ij balkes with skalles 1*l.* iiij payer small skalles 15s. v ston lynt 2*l.* 5s. xlvij dayelles, at 6d. per pesse, 1*l.* 3s. xxvij peces leadd 10*l.* iij dossen lynne 12s. ij barells and a fyerkin of swet sopp, at 3*l.* per barell, 6*l.* 15s. iiij bolles bay salte 8s. *Playtt.* One salte, duble gillte, weinge xxv ounces, at 6s. per ounce, 7*l.* 10s. j small salt, duble gylt, weinge vij ounces, 2*l.* 2s. iiij small gobletes, singell gillte, wes xxx ounces, at 5s. per ounce, 7*l.* 10s. ij sillver pottes, wes xxiij ounces, at 5s. per ounce, 5*l.* 15s. ij dossen and a half silver spones, wes xxx ounces, at 4s. 6d. per ounce, 6*l.* 15s. iij gownes 2*l.* 5s. j dublate 16s. ij dublates 1*l.* j kassacke 8s. j clooke 1*l.* 10s. ij clokes 1*l.* 6s. 8d. ij payer breches 8s. Summa totalis 494*l.* 15s. 4d. Debtes owinge by the testator. To Mr. Gregorie Yonge, of London, 203*l.* To Mr. Thomas Hunt, of London, 99*l.* To Robert Bedfourth, clothier, 97*l.* Summa 395*l.*

CVI. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ RADCLIFFE.*

June 4, 1593. A breyf note of remembrance touchinge my last will and testament, as followeth.

Fyrst. I will gyve and bequeathe to my daughter Heleanor†

* I am unable to attach this gentleman, of wealth and condition, to any of the family trees of the Radclyffes, though he was, evidently, from one of the western stocks of that name. His representation was, ultimately, vested in his daughter Anne, as heir to her brother Thomas. She married Leonard Dykes, of Wardale hall, co. Cumberland, esq. His widow Isabel had, before 1595, re-married Robert Perkinson, of Whessoe, gent.

† Tuition of Eleanor and Alice Rayclyffe was granted, Oct. 25, 1595, to Humphrey Rippon, their cousin.

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all my landes &c., in Bushopton and Lytle Staynton, for lx yeres, she the said Heleanor, and hir assigns, paying yerely therefore, unto my heires, duringe the said tearme, 3*l*. 6s. 8d., and this my gyft to be in full satisfaction of hir childe's portion. Also I have granted unto my doughter Margerie, in full satisfaction of hir portion, all my landes &c., in Blackwell, beying copehold land, for the terme of xxj yeres, which I trust she will accept of, according to my true meaninge, otherwise I wold never have so bestowed yt. I have gyven, by copie of court, unto my yong sone John for the terme of his lyfe, all my landes &c., in Bondgate, in Darlington, to the intent he may be vertuously brought up in learnyng, with the revenewes thereof. I gyve unto my doughter Alice* one anuitie of 8*l*., out of my landes &c., in Aysleyby, unto such tyme as she shall have receyved, to hir owne use, the just some of cc markes, in full satisfaction of her childe's portion. I gyve unto my doughter Anne† my lease, which I have of one tenement, a fermehold in Denton, and 100*l*., in full satisfaction of hir childe's portion. I will gyve unto my nephew William Fewler all my title, and customarie tenant-right, which I have in one fermehold, in Newton Bewley, in the countie of Durham, for his maintenance, and the releyf of his poore brethren, after the death of my sister, their mother, as farr furthe as in hym lyeth, till they be brought to some convenient stay, provided always, that my syster Phillice Radclyff be mainteyned with meat, drink, fire, bedding, lodgyins, clothing, and all other thinges decent, meat, and convenient, for a woman of hir parentaig, during hir lyfe naturall. I will gyve unto everye one of my thre systers, their children, 40s. To my two godsones, Thomas Mershall and Thomas Ripon, eyther of theym 40s. To my cosyn, Robert Sharp, one old angell. To every servant, which shall be in my house dwellyng, at the houre of my death, 2s. For tythes forgotten 6s. 8d. I will gyve unto every one of my old maistres hir children, viz., Richard, Georg, Roland, An and Phlorence, every on of theym 3*l*. 6s. 8d. To my said old maistres, now by the name of Isabell Thorneton, one old riall. My mind and will is, that, at the tyme of my death, their shall be gyven to the poore people 6*l*. I gyve to Tobie Mathew, docter of devinitie, and deane of the cathederall church of Durham, one old riall. I gyve to be distributed amonge the poore people of Byllynghame parishe 40s. I gyve to the mendying of hyeways within the parish of Darlington, and especially about Cockerton, 40s. I gyve to my welbeloved

* See note, previous page.

† Tuition of Anne Ratclyffe was granted, Feb. 13, 1594-5, to her uncle, John Latus, of Whicham, co. Cumberland, gent.

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wyfe Isabell xx angells, for a love tooken, and to my comother Perkynson one old angell. I make executors of this my last will and testament, my trustie and welbeloved wyff Isabel, and my yonger sone John, and supervisors of the same Mr. John Conyers, of Sockburn, and Robert Taylboys, esquier, whoo I trust will se the same duely executed, accordyng to the true meaninge thereof, and I gyve to eyther of them one old ryall, and to my mother Mershall one old riall, and to my sone Thomas 40*l.*, to by hym bookes, and to my uncle Hudleston one old riall, to my father Laytus and my mother Laytus, eyther of theym one old angell. Debts due to me, the testator, at this day. Richard Stockdell 43*l.* 6s. 8d., to be payd at Saint Georg day next, or the morrow after. James Watson and Brian Startfurth 6*l.* 13s. 4d. John Ovington 7*l.* 10s. Mr. Rookeby 23*l.* 13s. 4d., as appeareth by bills. Henry Kyllynghall 10*l.* Robert Taylboys 4*l.*, in lent money, and 14s., for haver. James Dayl 30s. Robert Bayls 20s. One Watson 40s. William Helcoot 20s. 10d., for tythe corne. Dack, for tyth, *(blank)*. Henrie Allonson, for tythe, 5s. 2½d. John Stainesby, for tythe, *(blank)*. Dobyson, for wheat, *(blank)*. Hodgshon wyffe, for wheat, 3s. George Stange 53s. 4d. William Hewison 18*l.* 6s. 8d. Idem Willelmus 5*l.* 6s. 8d. more, in lent money. Debtes due to be payd by me at this present. Fyrst and last to my nephew Rafe Thompson, Anne Thompson and Isabell Thompson, my syster Annes hir children, everye one of theym 40*l.*, in the whole 120*l.* And last of all, I trust that my wyfe will kepe my children togydir, unto such tyme as they be marred, or otherwise taken of hir handes, at the sight of my supervisors, as may and will stand theym instede, and annswer theym of all that ys right.

THO. RADCLYF.

Mem. That Thomas Radcliff, of Cockerton, in the parishe of Darlington, and diocese of Durham, a little before his death, beyng of perfect mynd and memory, bequeathed his soule to God and his body to the ground, and did, before these witnesses, Georg Lassells and Henry Lanton, with others, make and declar his last will and testament, which he had before written, with his owne hand, in a sheate of paper, dated the iiijth day of June, 1593, in maner and form as followes, "First I will give, and bequeath." [Pr. Jan. 14, 1593-4.]

INV. Dec. 11, 1593. In golde 37*l.* 12d. j chayne of golde 40s. ij braslettes 6*l.* 10s. iij golde ringes 3*l.* j standinge cupp, with a cover, gilt, 10*l.* j broken goblet, of sylver, gilte, 3*l.* j sylver pece 50s. j litle sylver salte, parcell gilte, 26s. 8d. xv sylver spones 5*l.* All the apparell of the said Thomas Radclyff

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7*l.* iij bee hyves 15s. xij oxen 50*l.* xxij kyne and one bull 44*l.* j oxe 40s. vj calves 4*l.* ij gueldinges 8*l.* iij mares and iij nagges 13*l.* 6s. 8d. lxij sheape 20*l.* x swyne 40s. vj geyse 6s. xv hennes 5s. viij duckes and mallartes 2s. 8d. ix whyes, at Howdon, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. iiij kyne and j calf 8*l.* ij stottes 5*l.* 10s. ij bulles 50s. xxiij sheape 6*l.* 13s. 4d. vj oxen, at Blackwell, 15*l.* j mare and j nagge 46s. 8d. The wynter corne, sowen at Blackwell, 12*l.* The otes, in the barne ther, 6s. 8d. v yokes, ij teames, j ploughe, j coulter, j socke, and j coupe, 10s. In money 19*l.* 12s. 1d. *The hall at Cockerton.* One cubborde, ij standinge tables, with clothes, j chare, and ij formes, 39s. ij chease shelves 12d. j grater and j brasen morter 5s. viij pewther platters 35s. vj sawcers, and viij candlestickes, 10s. iiij pewther saltes, with covers, 2s. j corslyt, with a longe pyke, 33s. 4d. j pare of tonges 12d. *The litle closett within the hall.* Eighte pewther dublers 10s. ij pewther plates 3s. 8d. j pewther bason, and j quarte pewther pott, 2s. 6d. ij other pottes, of pewther, j stone pott, and iiij shelves, 2s. *The parler.* One cubborde 50s. j table, iij formes, and j lytle cubborde, 20s. ij buffyt stoles, and ij chares, 6s. 8d. j bason and ewer, and j chamber pott, 7s. j pare of playinge tables 2s. 6d. ij doson of trenchers, v drynkinge glases, j standinge cuppe, of woode, ij steale cappes, with covers, and j chyste, 10s. j tronell bedd, with the furniture, 26s. All the hinginges in the parler 40s. ix hankes of lynen yarne, and viij hankes of harden yarne, 6s. 8d. *The grene chamber over the parler.* One stande bedd, with a teaster over the same, and the furnyture, 4*l.* j tronell bedd, with the furniture, 30s. j table, with a coveringe of clothe, 7s. All the hinginges in the saide grene chamber 40s. ij coverynges, vj coverlettes, ij pare of blankettes, ij table clothes, j dosen of quyshions, and iij parcells of whyte wollen clothe, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. j chyste, with nappery, 15*l.* j lytle chyste, j buffyt stole, ij other lytle stoles, ij chamber pottes, and j broken loking glasse, 5s. *The chamber over the hall.* One stande bedd, with the furnyture, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j lytle bedd, with the furnyture, 13s. ij chamber pottes, j presse, j greate chest, and j litle cheste, 13s. 4d. j halbarte, and j shafe of arrowes, with an old jacke, 2s. 6d. *The litle chamber in the toppe of the house.* One quarter of pease and otes, and j bushell of lynnen sede, 15s. j cote of plate, j skeppe with ote male, j lytle cheste, j say, iiij pare of yarne wyndells with ther feete, and j spyninge wheale, 10s. *The litle chamber nighe the study.* One bedd, with the furniture, 4s. j chare, j spyninge wheale, iiij hyves for bees, with other implementes, 2s. *The larder house.* Fowertene pewther dublers, xij pewther dyshes, xvj pewther sawsers, vij pewther porringers, and

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j hande bason, 40s. v barrells, for beare, j lytle gylefatt, j chirne, j kyt, iij shelves, j bread brake, with other implementes, 6s. 8d. *The boultinge and milke house.* One tonne, with flower, ij tubbes, and vj seckes, with other implementes, 20s. j kyt, with salted butter, j chirne, j doson of milke boules, and other implementes, 13s. 4d. *The chamber over the bowltinge and milke house.* Thre bushells of otes, j kymlyn, with salte fleshe, j kyt of salted butter, j bushell, with other implementes, 25s. *The kytchyn.* One caule, iiij kettels, ij pannes, iiij pottes, j possenet, j drepinge panne, iij speetes, iij brasse candlestickes, j chafinge dyshe, j fryenge panne, iij reckinge crokes, j pare of rackes, j fyer showell, ij gryde-irons, j chopinge knife, with other implementes, 4*l.* 11s. *The madens chamber.* Two beddes, with the furnyture, 7s. *The malte lofte.* Two bushells of malte 3s. 4d. Certayne flax, iij olde tubbes, ij rackes, iij salte fyshes, and other implementes, 13s. 4d. *The warke house.* Thre wayne teames, ij shakles, ij plowefoote teames, v drawghte teames, ij horse teames, iij cowters, ij seckes, j hammer, j hacke, iiij wobles, j gavelocke, ij crokes, iij pare of runers, iiij pare of lynnen pynnes, iiij newe yokes, and other implementes, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. iiij iren-bounde waynes 11*l.* j coalinge wayne, without wheales, 6s. ij coupes, iiij plowes, and v drawghte yokes, 18s. ij heade yokes, j pare of horse harrowes, j oxe harrowe, j chease presse, and other implementes, 12s. ij styes 5s. *The corne in the barnes at Cockerton.* Threscore threaves of wheate 13*l.* 6s. 8d. All the otes in the barne 6*l.* 13s. 4d. lxxx threaves of rye 13*l.* 6s. 8d. The corne sowen 20*l.* The hay in the barne 40s. The hay in the feyldes 15*l.* The hay at Howden 50s. The hay at Blackwell 50s. j leade 13s. 4d. All the coales 20s. All the woode 3s. 4d. j brane stye, j woode trowe, and j grindestone, 6s. 8d. All the glasse 10s. All the maner 3s. 4d. x stottes 17*l.* xlj sheape 10*l.* j mare, j fole, and j nagge, 4*l.* iiij quarters of malte 50s. ij servantes beddes 6s. 8d. *In the study.* One counter and deske, all the bookes, and other thinges, 40s. *Debtyes owinge unto the saide Thomas Radclyff.* One dede of anuytie of 10*l.*, for xxj yeres, by Henry Killinghall, dated the 20th of December, xxvij Eliz., with one obligacon, of c markes, for the performance thereof, 50*l.* One lease of a close, called the Hunter's hill fielde, by Roberte Parkinson, for vij yeres, 50*l.* One obligacon, by Richard Stockdale, of 87*l.*, for the payment of 43*l.* 6s. 8d. One obligacon, by Francis Holmes and others, of 40*l.*, for the payment of 18*l.* One obligacon, by Christofer Storie and others, of 40*l.*, for the payment of 20*l.* One bill, by Michell Helcott, for the payment of 20s. 10d. One bill, by George Stanyke, for 53s. 4d. One obligacon, of one Anne Woodroffe, wydowe, of xl markes, for

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the payment of 13*l.* 6s. 8d. One obligacon, of Charles Cuthbert and others, of 6*l.*, for the payment of 53s. 4d. One obligacon, by Thomas Dixon, of 10*l.*, for the payment of 5*l.* One obligacon, by John Ulvington, of 14*l.*, for the payment of 7*l.* One bill, by Thomas Carr, for 40s. One bill, by Edward Shawler, for 50s. One obligacon, by John Wadley and others, of 32*l.*, for the payment of 16*l.* One bill, of Robert Clyfton, for 40s. One letter, of James Dale, for 5*l.* One letter, of William Wormeley, for 52s. One lease of the tythe hay and corne of Cockerton, for v yeres yet enduringe, 45*l.* John Warde, of Blackwell, 20*l.* Charles Cuthberte 17s. 6d. Edward Wren 6s. 8d. Robert Pereson 3s. Edmunde Allen 18s. 4d. Thomas Layton 4s. Michaell Waystell 5s. Cuthberte Morley 7*l.* Roberte Bayles 20s. Thomas Bulmer 10s. James Watson 40*l.* James Dale 30s. Anthony Hurleston 100*l.* Henry Allanson 5s. 2½d. Anne Wrighteson 5s. John Holmes, tailer, 5s. Thomas Dixon 3*l.* 6s. 8d. Roberte Tayllboys 4*l.* 14s. Francis Holme and Thomas Dixon 10*l.* 13s. 4d. Roberte Parkynson 23s. 4d. John Stanesbye 5s. 2½d. Wydowe Blakelocke 18s. 4d. Corker 53s. 4d. William Goldsbroughe 5s. 2½d. Henry Allanson 5s. William Haryson *(blank)*. Henry Allanson 5s. 2½d. Henry Killinghall 10*l.* Roberte Claxton 50s. Watson, of Skeby, 40s. James Watson and Bryan Startfurthe 6*l.* 13s. 4d. 507*l.* 4s. 1d. ✠

CVII. TESTAMENTUM CUTHBERTI MITFORTH.

Jan. 18, 1593-4. Cuthbert Mitfurth,* of Mitfurth, in the parishe of Mitfurth, and countie of Northumberland, esquier. My body to be buried in my parishe churche of Mitfurth. To Mr. William Fenwick, of Wallington, esquier, xx weathers, and to Mrs. Fenwick, his wife, a duckett. To Mr. Cuthbert Ogle, my sonne-in-lawe, my viij oxen, which I have in the custody of my servant William Pott, together with 4*l.* 13s. 4d., which he is indebted unto me, for one meare, upon condicion, that the sayd Cuthbert Ogle shall not hereafter molest nor trowble Isabell, my wife, for the somme of 20*l.*, which he alledgeth to be behind and unpayd of his mariage goodes, provided alwayes that if he doe chalenge the same 20*l.*, or molest, or sew, my sayd

* The head of the house of Mitford, one of the oldest in Northumberland. The testator was the son of Gawen Mitford, esq., by Margaret, daughter of Thomas Forster, of Edderston, esq. He was himself twice married, first to Anne, daughter of Gilbert Wallis, of Akeld, and secondly to Isabel, daughter of Martin Fenwick, of East Hedwin, gent. He was a commissioner of enclosure on the middle marches in 1552.

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wife, then I give the foresaid legacies to the sayd Isabell, my wife. To Jane Hundspeth, my doughter, c shepe, yonger and elder, a bedding of clothes, a pott, a panne, with halfe a dosen puther vessell, and a bowl of peese. To Margaret Pie, my doughter, c shep, yonger and elder, and unto Thomas Pie, her husband, towards the maintenance of his sewt, for his lyving, which Mr. Gray goeth about to take from him, I gyve 4*l.*, which my brother-in-lawe, George Fenwick, of Hedwen, is indebted unto me. And wheras Mr. Martin Fenwick, my father-in-law, is indebted unto me 20*l.*, which I should have had with my wife, except x yowes, which I have receyved, in part of payment thereof, I geve the remnant of the same debt unto Isabell, my wife. To Margerie Mitfurth, my syster, a yong whie, with calve. To Robert Mitfurth, my brother, two whies, with calve. To Robert, son of Gawen Lawson, of Benriche, a yong bay meare, of two yeares old. To Cuthbert Mitfurth, my son Roberte's son, my donne nagg. To everie poore householder within the towne and parishe of Mitfurth 12d., at the discretion of the said Mr. William Fenwick. To Isabell, my wife, for her life, all suche landes &c., as I have heretofore passed unto her, by fine and recoverie, together with one tenement in Moseden, called Camoney flat, which I purchased of the foresayd Mr. William Fenwick, and after her death, I bequeath the same unto Robert,* my sonne, and his heires for ever. The rest to my said wife Isabell, whom I make my sole executrix. Mr. William Fenwick, I make superviser. Witnesses, William Fenwick, Georg Fenwick, Persival Fenwik, George Reede, Lawrence Reede, Andrew Hodgeson. [Pr. May 11, 1594.]

CVIII. INVENTARIUM RADULPHI LAMPTON,† DE LAMPTON, ARMIGERI.

Jan. 10, 1593-4. *Penncher.* Twentie draughte oxen 58*l.*

* His will, which is in the registry at York, is dated March 28, 1625, and was proved June 16, 1626. "Robert Mitford, of Mitford, esq. To be buried in the porch of Mitford churche. I geve the wardshipp of my deare and loving grandchilde, Robert Mitford, and all the goodes due to him, ether as heire to me, or to my sonne Cuthbert, deceased, or as heire to his grandfather, Christofer Wharton, of Ufferton, co. Durham, deceased, or to his mother Marie, deceased, with consent of the courte of wardes and liveryes, to my verie goode freude Humphrey Wharton, of Gillingwode, esq., and Richard Osmotherley, my sone-in-lawe. To my daughters, Fenwicke, Heron, and Osmotherley, 40s. eache. To my grandchild, William Fenwick, 40s. To my grandchildren, Robert Heron and Anne Osmotherley, 10s. eache. To my sonne-in-lawe Osmotherley, the house wherein I nowe live. I give unto the saide Humphrey Wharton litle Charles Mitford, alias Kidson, with c markes, for his porcion, and he to be bounde apprentise to a marchante, or some other trade. I make Humphrey Wharton and Richard Osmotherley executors."

† The head of the house of Lambton, of Lambton, co. Durham. He was

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iij kyne 4*l.* 10s. viij stottes and whies, thre years oulde, 10*l.* iiij callves 30s. xx ewes and one rame 6*l.* 13s. 4d. xxij wethers 8*l.* 10s. ix fatte ewes 50s. lxxx gymmer hogges 10*l.* 13s. 4d. iiij warke horses 5*l.* One griselde maire 3*l.* Corne in the stackyarde and leaythe 30*l.* Corne one the grounde, xxxij acres, 32*l.* Haye 3*l.* 6s. 8d. The plow-geare and waines 5*l.* 6s. 8d. The colles at Penncher, with the worke-geare, as ropes, rowlls, hakkes, pickes and all other the furnitor therto belonging, 34*l.* *Lambtonne.* Thirtie thre kyne, xxij calves and ij bulles, 74*l.* xxj stirkes, of yeare ould and vantage, 18*l.* x stirkes, of two yeares ould and vantage, 16*l.* cxl ewes 49*l.* xij tuppes 3*l.* 12s. lxxij wether hogges 17*l.* One maire and one folle 8*l.* One baye horse 3*l.* 6s. 8d. xvj fatte ewes 4*l.* 16s. ij graie nagges 4*l.* One gray stonnde horse, which was for his owne sadle, 10*l.* One blacke maire, in the house, 5*l.* Certaine horse geare, as bridles and saddles, 13s. 4d. The haye at Lambtonne 3*l.* 6s. 8d. xv swine, elder and yonger, 3*l.* 10s. One bede, in the garner, 10s. Wheate and pese, in the garner, 3*l.* 6s. Malte, in the kylnne, and the kylnne haire, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. Mor wheate, in the kylnne, 40s. The behyves 26s. 8d. *My lorde's chamber.* One trucle bed, and one stande bed, withe courtinges, ij featherbedes, j mattrice, j rugg, iij keverlettes, ij paire of blankattes, ij happins, ij boulsters, iiij pillowes, a cobborde and a cobbord clothe, a chaire and a close stoulle, 5*l.* 6s. 8d. *The oulde great chamber.* A trucle bede, j standinge bede, with courtinges, ij featherbedes, ij mattrices, ij paire of blankattes, j paire of fusharine blannketes, iiij koverlettes, ij rugges, j coveringe, ij boulsters, iij pillowes, j chaire, j ironn chimnaye, j cubborde, and a cobborde clothe, grene, 10*l.* *The paynted chamber.* A trucle bede, and j standinge bede, with courtinges, j fetherbede, j paire of blanketes, j boulster, ij overse coveringes and j coverlete, 40s. *The dyninge chamber.* One dyninge table, j cobborde, j grene carpete, j cobborde clothe, ij chaires, vj lytle stoulles, covered with grean, iij wainskotte firmes, a dossin buffett stoulles, xiij quishons, 6*l.* *The white chamber.* One trucle bede, j standinge bede, with courtinges, ij fetherbeds, j boulster, ij pillowes, j paire of blannkets, ij coverletts, j chaire, ij lytle stolles, covered with silke, j close stoull, 4*l.* *The haull.* Towe dyninge tables, iij longe formes, j shorte forme, j cobborde, j chaire, iij bowes, and iij arrowe bagges,

the eldest son of Robert Lambton, (whose will is printed in this volume, p. 62,) by Frances Eure. He married Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Tempest, of Stanley, co. Durham, esq., by whom he left a son and three daughters. He was buried Dec. 10, 1593, and administration was granted to his wife and children July 1, 1594.

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ij carping clothes, viij quishinges, j paire of playinge tables, j ironn chimnaye, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. *The butterrye.* Towe side tables, j square table, j allmery, ij hodgsheads, x barells, ij voyders, ij basings and ewers, ij puter pottelle pottes, j quarte potte, j skinker, iiij puter saltes, vj puter candelstickes, ij dosenn of tynn spounes, vij dosenn of rounde trenchers, vj dosenn of square trenchers, xiij litle stone potes, j great stonne pote, vij woode kannes, ij hand baskattes, a table baskate, j table knyfe, x glasses, j forme, vj glasses, 3*l.* *The lowe parler.* Towe lowe beddes, ij mattrisses, j fetherbede, ij paire of blankettes, iij coverlettes, j happinge, iij bowlsters, j coode, j ould read coveringe, j oulde tapestry coveringe, j chaire, j paire of andirones, 20s. *The kitchinge.* One side-borde, iiij formes, j allmery, j kawel, j tube for salte, j coll, j skeille, vij pottes, j posnet, vj pannes, viij speetes, ij drippinge pannes, iij rackinge-crookes, iij pottclypes, ij skumers, ij woden ladles, j latten ladle, ij fryinge pannes, j cokle pane, j chafinge dishe, j broillinge ironne, j fleshe crouke, ij boxes of round case trenchers, iij boxes, j graite, j choping knyfe, j aumery, for setting vessell in, j morter and j pestell, j stone troughe, j paire of tongges, j ironne pore, iiij potlids, j paire of ironn rackes, 4*l.* 6s. 8d. The puter vessell 4*l.* *The pastrye.* Thre borddes, j bede, j mattrice, j bowlster, j paire of blanketts, j hapinge, j oulde coveringe, iiij rowlers, iij woden dublers, iiij bowles, ij tubbes, for flower, j troughe, j shearinge knyfe, 10s. *The maidens chamber.* Towe beddes, ij boulsters, iij blankattes, iiij happinges, 10s. *The parler.* One trucle beede, j mattrice, j fetherbede, j paire of blannkates, j bowlster, ij happinges, j cubborde, ij cheistes, ij trunkes, j cobborde clothe, j chaire, j paire of virginalls, ij lytle stoulles, j forme, j ironn chimnaye, 4*l.* *The nursie.* Towe bedsteddes, ij fetherbeddes, iiij boulsters, ij mattrises, iij koverlattes, iiij paire of blankates, iij happinges, j rugg, j ould tapestry coveringe, j ironn chimnay, j preser, j counter, j trunck, j forme, j lowe stolle, j koffer, and j wandede chaire, 5*l.* *The closed within the nursse.* Fyve lytle fearkins, v earthern mugges, ij earthern dublers, iiij wodden dublers, j butter kyte, j candle chiste, ij payniers, iiij glasses, ij boxes, vj printes, for printinge jens-breade, 3s. 4d. *The larder.* Towe bordes, j hogsheade, j barrell, vj tubbes, iij fearkings, j fleshe axe, j troughe, xv wodenn potlyddes, viij cheisfattes, xiiij dyshes, v laddells, ij mylksilles, ij wodden bassinges, and iiij woddenn dublers, 13s. 4d. *The mylke house.* Fower skeilles, ij standes, ij chirnes, j troughe, ij chirn stanes, j kettle, xxiiij cheasfattes, iiij sinkers, ij mylksilles, xx bowles, j forme, j salte kyte, j paire of way-scalles, j stone-weight and a quarter, 26s. 8d. *The bru-house.* Thre saies, a troughe, j kann,

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j skeille, j bouttinge clothe, vj tubes, j pecke, ij seves, j leven troughe, j paste sheat, j worte boulle, j windingclothe, iiij sacks, a bushell poke, j brake, j washinge tube, j cauldronn, 20s. *The workmens chamber.* Towe beddes, iij coddes, j bowlster, j mattris, vj happinges, iij blannkettes, iiij ould tubbes, 10s. *The chamber over the nursie.* One standinge bedde, with courtinges, iij chestes, j presser, j wandede hamper, 20s. *The chamber over the parler.* Towe stande beddes, with courtinges, j trucle bedde, j candell chiste, 13s. 4d. *The napparye.* Sixe strakinge tableclothes, xij lyning tableclothes, viij dosenn of napkens, vj cobbord clothes, xij lyninge towells, vj course towells, xx paire of lyninge, xx paire of course sheattes, xij paire of pillowbeares, 18*l.* His apperelle 20*l.* *The silver platte.* Towe dosonne and one halfe dosonn of sillver sponnes, weainge xlv ounces, at 5s. the ounce, 11*l.* 5s. These parcells followinge of platte, ar the goodes of William Lambtonne, for so yt was his father's mynd, in his lyfe time, and therfor not priced. Fower white bowlles, of sillver, for beare, ij sillver bowlls, for wine, j white bell salte, with a trencher salte, one the cover of sillver. *Biddicke.* Twentie one draughte oxen 66*l.* 13s. 4d. j kynne 40s. vj stottes 20*l.* j bull 28s. j blacke coulte 3*l.* 6s. 8d. iiij fillies, ould and yong, 9*l.* j maire and a folle 40s. Corne, in the stackyard and laythe, 32*l.* Haye, in the stackeyarde, 40s. Corne, one the grounde, 26*l.* 13s. 4d. The plewe-geare and waines 3*l.* 6s. 8d. *Triblye.* Thre kynn and their callves 6*l.* ij yearlinges callves, vij twinter whies, iij stottes, of the same age, and ij bulles, of the same age, 19*l.* cxxxj wethers 40*l.* xx ewes 6*l.* 13s. 4d. The haye 20s. *Sunnderlande.* Thre salte pannes 100*l.* ij keilles, withe kables, ankers and all other furnitur, 30*l.* Certaine wine, as clarede and white, 7*l.* Pytche and tarr 20s. Redy mony 64*l.* Somma totallis 996*l.* 7s. He was owinge, at the tyme of his death, 282*l.* 6s. 1d. The funarelle charges 80*l.* Theis being deducted, their restethe de claro 734*l.* 0s. 11d. Theis are the names of the praysers, George Johnson, Christophor Wharton, Roberte Smythe, Raphe Pendrethe, gentlemen. ✠

CIX. TESTAMENTUM MARMADUCI FENWICK.

May 26, 1590. Marmaduck Fenwick,* of Kirkharle, in the countie of Northumberland, gentleman. To be buryed within

* Son of Randal Fenwick, of Kirkharle, gent., who died in 1572, and whose will is printed, vol. i., p. 366. The will of the testator's brother Roger, also of Kirkharle, was proved Nov. 27, 1591, when administration was granted to his wife Dorothy. Lionel Fenwick was executor, and two of the attesting witnesses were William Fenwick, esq., and Robert Lawson.

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the channcell or queire of Kirkharle. I gyve all my tytle &c., of the free landes &c., which I have in Great Bavington, in the countie of Northumberland, to my welbeloved sonne Johne, together with all the evidences and writeinges therto parteyneinge, and to the heires male of his bodie, and in defaulte of such, then I gyve the same to my eldest sonne Randell accordinglie. I give also to my said sonne Johne the lease of my farmeholde, in Bavington aforesaid, which I have of the demyse and grante of William Swinburne, gentleman, and also all the leases and tearme of yeares &c., which I have to anie lands in Neweham, in the same countie. I give also to my said sonne John x oxen. I gyve to my youngest sonne Thomas 100*l*. To my daughter Marie 100*l*. To the right worshipful Mr. William Fenwick, of Wallington, esquier, my beste horse, and to his wife a rackinge meire. To Oswin Fenwick a graie nagge. To William Fenwick the lyerd nagge, and to his other three brethren, everie one of them 26s. 8d. To Thomas Loren 26s. 8d., and to his wife, and everie child he haithe, everie one of them 10s. I gyve to all the children of William Fenwick, everie one of them 10s. To my cossens Elizabeth Lawson and Isabel Fenwick, either of them 10s. To the children of my cosen Johne Fenwick, laite of Brenkleye, deceassed, everie one 10s. To my cosen Thomas Lawson 26s. 8d., and to his sister Margerie 10s. To Rowland Shaftoe 26s. 8d., and to his wife 10s. I gyve to Mr. George Selbie my youngest sonne Thomas, togeather with his porcion, duringe his minoritie, and also a younge meire. To my servannte Allison Robson a cowe and a calf. To Clement Shafto, and his brother and sister, everie one 10s. I gyve Clement, with his porcion, dureinge his minoritie, to my sonne Randell, willing him, that when he shall come to th'age of xxj yeres, he let him enter to his owne, with corne on the grounde and of it, and bring him vertiouslie and well up, in the mean tyme, and then deliver him his porcion, according to righte. I gyve to my sonne Randall Anthonie Fenwick, with his porcion, and also Agnes Robson, with her porcion, and when they can use theire owne, I will they have it. To my servannt Clement Cockson one whie, and I will, whersoever he be, that in consideracion of his service done, and fro the goodwill I have to him, my sonne Randall let him have grasse for cattle, to goe and pasture with his owne freelie. To everie servannt in my howse a yowe hogge. To my nephew Jarat Fenwick 26s. 8d. To my loveinge freind Robert Helme one stotte. I will that my servannt Allison Robson occupie my farmeholde in Neweham, nowe in the occupacion of Gabriell Robson, yf she will, dureinge her life, as she before occupied it to me, willing both my sonne John,

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and his tutor, dureinge his minoritie, to be good to her. I will that if my goodes and chattels will not extend to paie my debtes and legacies, that my landes, in Togesden and Deaneham, fullfil the same. And finallie all the rest, as well of my landes as also, of my goodes and chattles, I gyve to my eldest sonne Randall Fenwick, whom I make executor. And I make supervisors the right woorshipfull Mr. William Fenwick aforesaid, esquier, Mr. George Selbie, William Fenwick, of Blageden, and Randell Fenwick, gentleman. [Pr. July 3, 1594.]

Inv. Twentye thre oxen 30*l.* 13s. 4d. xvj oxen 21*l.* 6s. 8d. xxxj kie and calves 46*l.* 10s. xv younge nolte 15*l.* 15s. cxlv old shepe 33*l.* 16s. 8d. lxxj lambes 7*l.* 2s. His best horse 12*l.* A rackinge meire 5*l.* ij nages, iiij meires, and a foll, 15*l.* 3s. 4d. iij younge staiges 5*l.* A nag and a meire 3*l.* Bedsteades and chistes, with a presser, 43s. 4d. vj fetherbedes 3*l.* Coverlettes and happinges 3*l.* xij paire of sheites, and vj paire of blanketes, 3*l.* 7s. Bolsters and codes, with other thinges, 20s. Pudor vessell, fire vessell, and candlestickes, 3*l.* Wood vessell 16s. 6d. vj silver sponnes 15s. A table, forme, and other thinges in the hall, 20s. xxxvj boules of hard corne, on the ground, at Kirkharle, 7*l.* 4s. xliiij boules of otes there 4*l.* 8s. vj boules of big there 30s. xij boules of hardcorne, in the yarde, 48s. xliiij boules of hardcorne, on the grounde, at Deaneham, 8*l.* 16s. lx boules of otes there 6*l.* A lood and a bushell of big 8s. ix bouls of hardcorne, in the yarde, 36s. xxiiij boules of hardcorne, on the grounde, at Neweham, 4*l.* 16d. xxxij boules of otes there 3*l.* 4s. Hardcorne, in the yarde there, 44s. xviij boules of hardcorn, on the grounde, at Standfordham, 3*l.* 12s. xxij boulls of otes there, 44s. iij boulls of big there 10s. xxxviij boules of hardcorne, on the grounde, at Bavington, 7*l.* 12s. xij boules of big there 40s. l boules of otes there 5*l.* xij boules of hardcorne, in the yard there, 48s. In Toogesden 7*l.* Waines and plughes, with th'appurtenances, 3*l.* 13s. 4d. His apparell and furniture 6*l.* 13s. 4d. *Debtes owen to the said testator.* Jeffraie Robson, for a browne nag, 5*l.* He and his brother, Adam Robson, for a graie horse, 5*l.* Lyonell Robson, for an oxe, 40s. Michaell Hedlye, for an oxe, a cowe and x old shepe, 5*l.* Edward Hall, of Yerdup, in money, 23s. 4d. Gerard Snawden 20s. William Erington, Mark Shaftoe surtie, 7*l.* 5s. Peter Read 20s. *Debtes owen by the said testator.* To John Booth 22*l.* To John Graie 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Thomas Swanne 53s. 4d. To Robert Spoore, of Biker, 20s. To Christopher Grene 20s. To Clement Shaftoe 20*l.* To Anthonie Fenwick 9*l.* To Agnes Robson 8*l.* 19s. To Mr. Randell Fenwick 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To John Strangwishe 3*l.* Summa bonorum de claro 247*l.* 18s. 2d. ✠

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CX. TESTAMENTUM JACOBI SHAFTOE.

Apr. 14, 1590. James Shaftoe,* th'elder, of Tanfeld lighe, in the countie of Durham, gentleman. To the poore of Tanfeld, Lanchester and Whickham, and towardes the mendinge of the highe wayes, about Tayme brigges, the some of 40s., to be bestowed at the discretion of my executors. To my sonne James, the younger, those two tenementes in Prestwicke, in the countie of Northumberland, th'one in th'occupacion of Jarrard Shaftoe, th'other in that of William Gibson, to him and his heires mailes of his bodie, lawfully begotten, and for lacke of suche, to the heires mailes of me the said James Shaftoe. Also I gyve unto him all such righte, title &c., as I have in that fermeholde of the Crooke, in the parishe of Lanchester, as I laite purchased in morgaige of Robert Hall, and if it be redeemed, then I give the money to my said sonne James. To my sonne Thomas all that tenemente or ferme in th'occupacion of John Winshop, th'elder, to him and his heires, (remaynder to the heirs male of the testator). To my sonne Rolande all those two tenementes or fermeholdes in Prestwick, in the occupation of John Winship, the younger, and Edward Charleton, (remainder as above.) My mynde and will is, that my lovinge wife Marie† shall have the rent of all

* Son of Gerard Shafto, a younger son of the house of Shafto, of Shafto, by a daughter of Thomas Forster, of Edderston, co. Northumberland, esq. The pedigree of this family is printed by Mr. Surtees, vol. ii., p. 220. Very little early evidence, as to the descent of the family of Shafto, is afforded by the wills at Durham, which, as regards this family, are singularly few in number.

I give, from the registry at York, the will of a distant relative of the testator. July 14, 1599. "William Shaftoe, of Litle Bavington. To be buried in the church of Thockerington, within the chancel. I put my cosin, Mr. Henrie Woodrington, in trust for my nephewes, the sonnes of my brother Edwarde, late of Bavington, for my landes in Pontiland. To my daughter Margerie lx shepe, and I bestowe hir in mariage upone Edward, son of Reynolde Shaftoe, of Thockeryngton. In consideracion of the saide marriage, I bestowe the landes in Mikle Bavington, which was Reynold Shaftoe's father's, with the consent of my sister, Margerie Shaftoe. To my nephewe, John Errington, a graye meare, and 15*l.*, whiche Thomas Crawston, a Scottish man, is owinge me, for a baye stoned horse. To my nephewes, John and Thomas Errington, my tythes in Pontiland parishe. To the saide John Errington certaine bills, in my trunke, concerninge Marke Ogle. My cosin, Mr. Robert Wooderington. My sister, Agnes Robinsone." [Pr. Sept. 20, 1602, by Martin Day, rector of Bothal.]

† Her will is dated March 14, 1594-5, and was proved Nov. 6, 1596. "Marye Shaftoe, of Tanefeld lyght, wedo. To be buryed in the church of Tanefeld. To my sone James all my howseholde stuffe, in the howse in which he nowe dwells, excepte one bedstede, which my sone Christofer lyes in, which the saide Christofer shal have, and one preser, which I geve to Thomas, my saide sone James' son. To my sone Christofer a greatt cawdron, and a great chiste &c. To my two daughters, Ellynor Blarton and Marye Trotter, all my lyninge and wollen geare. To my sone James' dawghter a lytle brasse pott and a posnett. To Ellynor Blarton's dawghter, Isbell Lawes, a cubbord, a cawell &c. To my sone Rowland's dawghter Isbell a brasse pott &c. To my sone Thomas' two dawghters 40s. a

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the abovenamed tenementes for her life. To my sonne Christofer fortye markes. To everie one of my naturall daughters 10s. a peece. To everie of my sonnes wyves 10s. a peece. To everie of my sonnes children 10s. a peece. To everie one of John Lawes, his children, 10s., and to everie of the rest of my naturall daughters children 5s. a peece. To Thomas, sonne of the saide John Lawes, 40s., over and besides the 10s., which before, amongst his brethren and sisters, I doe gyve him. To my saide lovinge wife all my household stuffe. The residue of my goodes &c., to my wife and my sonnes James, Thomas and Rowland, whom I make executors, and I constitute, entreat, desier and appoint my good frendes Mr. Marke Shaftoe, of the towne of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, alderman, and William Grenewell, of the saide towne, merchante, to be supervysors,* and I give to eache of them 10s., for a token. Witnesses, Mark Shaftoe, William Grenewell, Leonard Shaftoe, Christofer Shaftoe, Thomas Hall, Martin Turpine, notarie publeque, John Blarton. [Pr. Jan. 24, 1594-5.]

CXI. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ SWINNOWE.

Jan. 5, 1594-5. Thomas Swinnoe,† of the cittie of Durham, musitian. To my father 20s. To my mother 10s. To my brother Cuthbert 5s. To my sister Margery 5s. To Jane Gascoigne, the daughter of John Gascoigne, of Durham, a Flanders cheste, now standinge in her father's house, with all suche thinges as is in the same, and she to pay such debtes as I owe, in Durham. I geve further to the said Jane 13s. 2d., whiche I

pece, when they come to xxj yeres. To Thomas and Isbell Lawes 20s. a pece, and to William Lawes 5s. To Nicholas Marley 5s. To John Blarton, Ellynor's sone, 5s. To James and John Lawes and Robert Marley, children of Ellynor Lawes, my daughter, 6s. 8d. a pece. To Thomas Trotter his thre sones 6s. 8d. a pece. To my son James' two children 6s. 8d. a pece, and to my sone Rowland's dawghter 6s. 8d. To my sone James' wyffe an olde angell, and to my sone Rowland's wyffe a worsett kyrtell. To my mayden, Annes Nycolson, a pettycoate cloythe, thatt ys at the dyer, and 3s. 4d. To my sone James' servantes, to eche 12d. The rest to my sones James, Christofer, and Rowland, whom I make executores, and I declare my cosyn, Mr. William Grenewell, of Newcastle, marchante, to be supervisor." Her inventory amounted in goods to 20*l.* 15s. 4d., and in debts to 55*l.* 19s. 2d.

* One of the testator's supervisors, Mark Shafto, was, no doubt, a relation, and the other, William Greenwell, was connected, both by relationship and trade, with the Newcastle Shaftos: the wills of both are printed in this volume.

† A scion, doubtless, of the old border house of Swinhoe, whose family had settled in Durham, but who still, as it appears, from his having some of his apparell at Chillingham, kept up a connection with the north. But for his viol, we might have thought he was a Northumbrian piper, transplanted to Durham; at all events he came of a musical stock, for his two brothers, mentioned in his will, Cuthbert and Christopher, and who were both buried at St. Nicholas, Durham, in 1622, are described, in the register, as "musitioners."

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have in my purse, at Chillingham, with the purse. To my mother a pair of stockinges, to my brother Christofer a paire, and to Jane Gascoigne a paire, which thre paire I have at Chillingham. To my father my cloake, to my brother Cuthbert my jerkin and doblett, to Christofer, my eldest brother, my britches, my hat, with my bootes and spurres. I make Jane Gascoigne my sole executrix. [Pr. Feb. 1, 1594-5, adm. to Jane Gascoigne.]

Inv. Jan. 17, 1594-5. A Flanders cheaste 4s. A doublett, and a paire of britches, and a belt, 26s. 8d. A viole 10s. iij payr of stockinges 3s. A dagger 12d. A paire of shoes 12d. j ould blew coat 2s. 6d. j old jerkyng 12d. j payr of knitt whyte stockings 2s. 6d. A purse and money in it 11s. 2d. A punadoe dagger 12d. A raper 3s. Found in a cheast of his 10s. Some is 3*l.* 16s. 10d. *Certaine debtes and other goodes, out of the handes of the said Jaine Gaskyne, especiefied in the will.* In Roger Yoúng wif handes, of Newcastle, 40s. A cloack, in the handes of Thomas Sweny, his father. A dooblet, in the handes of the said Thomas. A paire of britches, in the handes of the said Thomas, or his sonne Christofer. A hat, with a payre of boots and spurs, now in the custodye of Christofer Sweny, his brother. In the handes of George Heron, of Newcastle, 11s. A cheast, standing in Henrie Barnes house. A Scottes sword, lent to Christofer Sweny. ✠

CXII. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI ROBINSON.

May 11, 1592. Henrie Robinsone, of the towne of Newcastell-upon-Tyne, keillman, of the parish of Allhallowes. To the poore people, withine Sandgaite wairde, 5s. To Mr. Raphe Jennisone the half of my kevere lightnere, whereof James Bell hathe the other hallf, in consideracone, that he shall paye for my mortuarie, and stande a good freind and maister unto my wiffe. To Christopher, sonne unto James Bell, my Service booke, with the Sickman's Salve, and my shorte breif Cronyckles. To my servannt Ellonure Urpethe one brasse pott, a panne and ij platters, and my olde rede petticote, to be to here a waistecoite. To my cosyne Cuthbert Musgrave one of my freisse jakketts. To Katheringe, my wife, all my howses, that I have in Sandgaite, dureinge all the tearme of yeares, that I have in my twoe leasses, yet to come. Yf it shall please God to calle my wiffe to His mercye, before the ende of my two leasses, then I doe give unto my maister, Raphe Jennisone, my foure sclaite howses, wherein I now dwell; and my other twoe theakte howses to

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James Bell, after my wiffe her deceasse. To my wiffe my clinkere lightner, with all her geare. The rest of my goodes to my foresaid wiffe, whome I make sole executrixe. Mr. Raphe Jennysone and James Bell supervisors.

Inv. June 15, 1592. One clenker lighter, with her furnyter, that is, j anker and a kable, and a mast, and a saill, and a lyne, and v shewles, ij houkes, ij ores, a swape, and v plankes, and ij halfe plankes, befor the dower, 24*l*. Half a kurvell lighter, with hir furnytter, that is, j ore and a swaipe, and an old lyne, with the plankes in the wast, 10*l*. *In the hall.* One irone chemnay, a pore, a paire of tainges, ij rackes, ij racking croukes, j paier of lyinge irones, j fleshe houke, j frying panne and ij spettes, 13s. 4d. j table and a firme 2s. j Danske chist 4s. ij ammeres 18s. j basinge, of brasse, 16d. xiij pesses of putter 13s. 4d. v pesses of puter 4s. vj small kandellstickes 3s. ij quarte pottes and a gogenatt 2s. ij quarte pottes 20d. ij salte sallers 8d. iiij sasseres 12d. iij chaires 16d. j brushe 4d. j graite 2d. Karping cloythe 12d. j trundell bed, and j old bed, 18d. iij quessones 12d. j kettell, of battre mettell, 50s. iij brase pottes 13s. 4d. iij panes, and a skomer, 4s. v kanes, and vj stone pottes, 18d. iij drinking standes 12d. ij weshing toubes 12d. ij milking skeles 8d. ij bockattes 7d. j beaf toube 12d. ij beaf kaites 12d. ij bostaers and ij fether kods 5s. v daills 2s. 6d. iij half dails 6d. v gimlettes, j axe and ij chesheles, and ij womels, ij cheshels and a shaver, 3s. 6d. j piche potte 12d. ij mylke boulls 2d. j kreinge trowe 4d. ij stone trowes 8d. j bushell and a pecke 3s. ij mylke kye 3*l*. For old timber 16s. *Henry Robinson apparell.* One gowne, of houswyfe russett, 10s. j newe frese gakatt 5s. j old frese gackatt 3s. 4d. iij pitty-cottes 5s. j paire of breches 3s. 4d. j rouge gowne 2s. 6d. j hatte 2s. 6d. ij payer of stokines, and j paire of ashe-collered stokinges, 2s. 6d. j sword 4s. j paire of newe boutes 4s. j saddell 20d. j bill-staf 4s. j halbard 4d. j old brod-cloyth gackatt 20d. j cloke 3s. 4d. iij yeardes of brodcloth 13s. 4d. iiij yeardes of russet 8s. *In the lofte.* Towe Dance chistes 5s. ix old kaskes 3s. v seckes, and a winding cloyth, and ij pottes, 7s. ij old hodghedes 16d. j bedstead, and a painted cloyth, 2s. 6d. iij spades 8d. iij bowles of rye 18s. j bowell of course whett 4s. j bushell of big 2s. j hundreth and a half of trenaills 9d. xxix knotes of oken yearne 12d. For ij hapinges and ij cods 16d. ij kasseis 2d. j skafe 2d. j bushell of ry mele 20d. Old ropes 2s. 6d. A seave 4d. Small brassers 8d. j ledder 6d. j sledge hamer 6d. j old kape-kase 4d. j mell peck 8d. j old coverled and a blanket 18s. For shettes and other lyning 12s. iij stones of lynte 10s. For sartene leasses to the

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valewe of 16*l.* For kourtinge and hangers 12d. For thinges forgotten 5s. Summa totalis 67*l.* 1s. 10d. ✠

CXIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ ERRINGTON.

March 15, 1594-5. Thomas Erington,* of Elton. My bodie to be buryed within my parishe church of Elton. I geve to John, my son, all my landes in Elton, with th'appurtenances, and with the avoson of the rectorie of Elton, and to his heires maile. And I wyll that John Errington shall pay unto Ephrahym, my sonne, 8*l.*, yearlie, out of my landes, the which I geve to the said Ephrahym, for his life naturall. And yf in case my sonne John do dye, havyng no heires maile, then my will ys, that Ephrahym, my son, shall have my landes, and yf in case my son Ephrahym have no heires maile, then to the daughters of my sones John and Ephrahym, yn succesion, and then to my owne daughters Dorathe and Ursalay. I geve to Ezabell, my daughter, 20*l.*, to be paide, out of my landes, within towe yeare next after my death. To Dorothe and Ursalay, my daughters, to either of them 40*l.* To Ursalay, my daughter, all my howshold stuffe, paying 4*l.* to Ezabell, my daughter, out of the same, and that within a halfe yeare next after my death. Yf it please God that Syth Arowsmyth bringe forthe a childe, I geve yt 20s., to be paied, yearlye, out of my landes, for the tearme of ten yeares next after my death. The residue of all my goodes &c., to Ephrahym, my son, whom I make solle executore of this my wyll. And I do geve my sone Ephrahym to Mr. John Claveringe, my brother-in-lawe, whom I maik gardeiner, to have the full governance of hym, his landes &c., untyll he accomplishe the full aidge of xxj yeares. I do ordaine my trustie freande, Robert Claveringe, esquiere, my brother-in-lawe, to be gardeaner and governore of John, Dorathe, and Ursalay, my children, their landes &c., untyll my sone John accomplishe the full aidge of xxj yeares, and to se them vertuesly brought up in the feare of God. Witnesses, William Morton, Thomas Collingwood,† Wyllyam Claveringe,‡ Robert Blaxton, clarke. [Pr. June 27, 1595.]

* The testator, who purchased a moiety of the manor of Elton, was buried there, April, 5, 1595. His wife was, possibly, a daughter of Robert Clavering, of Callaley, esq., whose will is printed in this volume, p. 56. His son John was a colonel in the service of Charles I., and with his son John, a lieutenant-colonel in the same service, suffered for his loyalty. The estate was sold by the younger John Errington in 1682.

† Thomas Collingwood, of Little Ryle, co. Northumberland. He rendered an account into the court, in 1613, as tutor of Ephraim Errington.

‡ William Clavering, of Elton, co. Durham, in his will, dated April 6, 1600,

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CXIV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS HALL.

Feb. 6, 1594-5. John Hall,* of Otterburne, within the liberties of Ridsdale. To be buried in the churche of Elsdon. To my sonne Gabriell the two Kirswell leeses, and the Hill, after the death of his uncle Nicholas, for his life, paying unto my eldest sonne William 12d., yerelie, and after his decease to come unto my said sonne William. To my sonne John his farmeholde, in Kestren, one farmeholde, in the occupation of William Hall, the halfe of Farehawghe, 13s. 4d. rent, out of the Kill house, and 13s. by yere in Ratten raw, for his life, paying 12d. a yere to my sonne William, and after his decease, to come to my said sonne William. To my sonne Jasper my farmeholde in Davie sheele, my title in Jassethe mill, and the lande in West Hatherwicke, which I purchased of Roger Hall, of Monkeridge, for his lyfe, (the same yearly payment of 12d., and remainder to his brother William as above.) To my sonne Edwarde two farmeholdes in Weigh hill, and the halfe of Farehawgh, for his life (the same payment &c. as above). To my sonne Thomas my lande in Hethepell, my title in Langton bastle and my lande in Couplande, for his life (same payment &c., as above). To my sonne Ranold my 40s. lande in the Averleme, for his life (the same payment &c., as above). To my sonne, Jarrarde, Fallelies, my lande in North Midleton, and my lande in Esplee, for his life (same payment &c., as above). To Pallace Hall the lease of the West Spittle lande, and my title of the lande in the Crage, for his life, paying unto my sonne William 12d. yerelie. To my sonne Robart the rent of 10s. in Baggeraw, for his life. To Margerie, my dawghter, the lease of the personage of Elsden, which I have of Sir Clement Coxson. To Margerie, my wiffe, over and besides her thirdes, my tenement in Kestren, in the occupation of William Hall, my eldest sonne, and in case she may not enjoye the said tenemente peacablie and quietlie, during her weddohead, then I give her Wester Otterburne, and also I will that my wiffe be fre to all my sommering places. To my saide wiffe, and her two children, xvj oxen and xiiij kyne. To Barbarie Harley iiij kyne and their calves, and fowre two-yere oldes, two whies and two

mentions William Clavering, alias Swann, his reputed son. His wife Alice his executrix.

* A member of a numerous clan in Redesdale. The testator, whose descendants possessed considerable estates in that district, appears to have held large quantities of hill land, and was, doubtless, the owner of many flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. His will bears evidence to the numbers of the clan, for besides his own sons, it records the names of several kinsmen, and others of the family of Hall.

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stottes. To my said wife and her two children xxx yewes and xxx hogges, and my graie nagge. To Pallace Hall my browne nage. To my dawghter Jane two yewes and two hogges. I will that my wiffe paie unto Thomas Hall, of Haveracres, one stirke. To my sonne Pallace two whies. To William Hall two tyth whie stirkes. To my bastard, in the Old Towne, two tyth whie stirkes, to be delivered unto her by Clement, of the Crosse banke. To Robert Hall one tyth whie stirke. To Jockie Hall the same. To Marion Hall one whie stirk. To Alexander Hall one ewe hogg. To Roger Hall one whie stirke. Wher ther is a plege between John Hall, of Grissomes field and me, for one cawdron, I am content that it be put to fower frendes. The rest of all my landes, not bequethed, I give to William Hall, my eldest sonne, and his heires for ever. I make Margery Hall, my wife, and Margery Hall, my daughter, executors, and Mr. William Fenwick, of Wallington, esquire, supervisor, and I give unto him my sonne Jarrarde and his portion; and I have made speciall choise of Mr. Fenwick, above all men, both in regard of the trust I repose in him, for the mayntenance of my wife and children, in their good and lawful causes, and also in respect he will briddle and suppresse such as contende or do anye thinge contrari and against this my will. Witnesses, Edward Cherleton, of Hesleside, gent., Alexander Hall, of Monkeridge, gent., John Hall, of Gressoms fielde, John Foster, of Steddlie hill, Sir Clement Coxon, person of Elsden, Thomas Rede, of the Old Towne, William Hedley, of Hatherwicke, Thomas Hedley, of Haveracres, David Browne, Georg Hall, clerk of Elsden, James Foster, of Wodburne, Jenkyne Browne, of Hatherwicke, Percivell Hall, of Elsden, Georg Pott. Teste me Carolo Vicars, clerico.

Mem. That John Hall, of Otterburne, about xiiij daies after the making of his testament, adviseing with his frendes, upon some legacies bequiethed in the same, for the better and more indifferent bestowing of those legacies, namely, Fallelies, his tithes of the church, and his land in Glendaill, emongst his children, referred the same to the consideration of six of his frendes and kinsmen, namely, Nicholas and Roger Hall, his brethren, Alexander Hall, of Monkeridge, John Hall and Ralph Hall, of Gressoms feld, and William Hall or Sandy Hall, to sett downe, in what maner, they thought best, the said profittes should be disposed, whereupon the said six persons, advisedly considering therof, did sett downe, that because the occupier of Otterburne could not well want Fallelease, that William the eldest sonne should have the same, and that Gerard shoulde, in lieu thereof, have, at the said William his handes, a farme or stead, worthe

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20*l.*, or els 20*l.* in money, and for the tithes of the churche, they sett downe, that William aforesaid should have the same, he paying to Margery Hall fower calves and ten lambes, yerelie, during two yeares, next after the testator's death, and for Glendaill landes, which then were morgaiged, they did sett down that William Hall should procure the same to be released of the said mortgaige, and after such release, Thomas Hall, son to the testator, should have them. All whiche being sett downe in writinge, the testator did declare that the same should stande good, and that his will should be controlled therby. [Pr. July 31, 1595.]

CXV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS SELBIE MILITIS.

Nov. 17, 1595. John Selbye,* of Twhisell, in the county

* Eldest son of John Selby, gentleman-porter of Berwick, whose will is printed in *Wills and Inventories*, vol. i., p. 235. His grandfather purchased the estate of Twisell, from the Herons, and it continued in the family, until the middle of the seventeenth century, when it passed, through two co-heiresses, to their husbands, both persons of the name of Selby. The testator was gentleman-porter of Berwick, in which office he succeeded his father, and was in turn succeeded by his eldest son, Sir William Selby, knight.

The will of his brother Ralph is dated February 7, 1587-8. "Raphe Selbye, of the towne of Berwick-upon-Tweed, gentillman. Whereas I have made an estatt unto Robert Selbye, my sone, of my tenement or burgage, now in the tenure of Mr. Wedrington, mershall, and of the housses, stables, and grownde ower agaynst yt, lying on bothe the sydes of the Catwell, in Berwick, I will, that Isabell, my wyff, shall have the profittes thereof, untill my said sone do come to the age of xiij yeares; also yf yt shall please my brother Captain Selbye to take my sone Robert, from my wyff, at anye tyme, before he be xiij yeares of age, that then my wyff shall have but the half profets of the said premisses. I geve unto my wyff the holle teand of Foulburye, untill my sone come to xiij yeares, and that then my said sone shall have the said teand, yf my seuperyesorres shall thencke yt mett. I geve the howse, in which I now dwell, in the Markett place, unto my wyff, duringe her lyff, and after to come to my doughter Isbell, for lyff, and after to my sone Robert, for lyff, and after to my doughter Agnes, for lyff, and to the longest lyver of them thre, and after theyr decease, to come to the yeres of my sone Robert, then to the yeres of Isbell, and then to the yeres of Agnes. I will that my wyff shall, ymedyatlye after my decease, delyver unto my brother, Captain Selbye, all my evidences &c., whatsoever, for the use and behauff of my wyff and children. To my nephew, William Selbye, a horsmane's pece. To my nephew, John Selbye, my rapper and daggar. To Mr. Mushanes my pertesen. To William Yonge's wyff, of Lyntton, one buzell of rye, and one of bear, yearlye, for seven yeares, out of the tend of Fowburye. I geve my grene chear, in my low howse, to my sister Mrs. Wodd. To Margaret Selbye, my brother Lansse's doughter, one sylver spoyne. I orden and make my wyff my solle execwerix, and I make supervisers, my brother, Capten Selbye, to whom I geve my black horse, and all his furniture, and my nephew, William Selbye, sone to Sir John Selbye, knight, to whom I geve my secreitt, and my best horsmane's pece, and Mr. Thomas Clark, preacher, to whom I geve my long swourd, and John Saltonstall, to whom I geve a pistell, at his owne chewseng.

"Inv. June 13, 1588. One armor 13s. 4d. Two old harquebushes 4s. 4d. One pare of sleves of maiell 6s. 8d. Platt 5*l.* Summa totalis 21*l.* 5s. 10d."

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pallatine of Durrisme, knyght. I constitute and apoynt Margaret, my loving wife, soule executrix, to whom I bequeath all my goodes, chattels and moveables. To my dowghter Isabell c markes, towardes her marrage, yf she follow the counsell, and be ruled by her mother, her brother William, and her uncle Captayne Selbye. To George Selbye, my sarvante, 20s. To Oliver Law 40s. To these my servantes, by name, Peter Lane, William Montgomerie, John Hick, Roger Scott and Henrie Morton, 20s. a peece. To George Bricket, my porter, and James Morden, my cooke, 10s. a peece. Wheras there is a matter in sewte in law, betwene William Merry and Henrye Ragge, of Berwick, agaynste John Howburne, of Burton, for a dept, amounetinge to 25*l.*, my wyll is, that the said William and Henrye receave the saide sume by law, from the aforesaid John Howburne, and yf the said dept be quitte and voyd by law, whereof ther need not payment to be made, then I geve to John Howburne 40s. Whereas my sonne William is to paye unto his two brothers, Raphe and John, yearly, duringe there life, to the one 40*l.*, and to th'other 30*l.*, my requeste ys, that my sonne William content his brother Raphe with the corne, that now he hath, of the demeane of Lowick, for his anuetie, and for my sonne John, whereas his anuetie ys but 30*l.*, my request ys, to mak hyt 40*l.*, or els to continew with the tentes of Lowick, which I gave him. I bequeathe to my wife my yeares, that I have, in the Groot heawgh, and not to parte with hit, till she have her 100*l.* To my sonne John the horse-mill of Twedmouth. I praye my sonne William to be good to my doughter Isabell, as my trust is in him. Witnesses, Anthony Cariswall and William Law.

Inv. Feb. 13, 1595-6. *In the dyning chamber.* One table, j court cubbord, j chayer, j fourme and stooles, with cushens, and hung with dornex, j iron chemneye, ij carpettes, 43s. 4d. *In the chamber on the west end of the dyning chamber.* One bedsted, fullye furnished, with chayer, stooles, chestes, cubbardes, and j iron chimneye, and hung with tapstrye, 6*l.* *In the chamber on the east end of the dyning chamber, hung with dornex.* One bedsted, fullye furnished, j trundell bed, with chest, trunck, chayer, stooles and cubbardes, and j iron chimneye, 42s. *In the wardrop chamber.* One furnisht bed, j table, j cubbard, j long blew carpett, and a cubbard carpett, of blew, j long carpett, of tapistrie, j long carpett, of Turkye worke, and one greane carpett, with foure gilded leather cushens, 3*l.* 13s. 4d. *In the low parlor.* One bedsted, fullye furnished, j trundell bedd, ij trunckes, ij chestes, ij chayers, j amrye, j cubbard amrye, ij deskes, and j iron chimneye, 3*l.* 3s. *In the hall.* One table, ij

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cubbardes, stooles, fourmes, chayers, cushens, carpettes, and j iron chimneye, and hung with dornex, 31s. The silver plate 51*l.* The pewter vessell, brasse pottes, pannes, rackes and spittes, 7*l.* 13s. 4d. TWYSSELL. *The linnen.* Fowertie payre of sheates, xiiij pillowbares, xxiiij tabel clothes, three of them being damaske and dyeper, with theyr furniture, as cubbard clothes, towells and napkens, and the rest, all linnen, with theyr furniture, 10*l.* 13s. 4d. *In the gallarye chamber.* One bedsted, furnished, with a cannapye over the bed, and j cubbard, with a iron chimneye, 53s. 4d. *In the chamber above my ladye her chamber.* One bedsted, furnished, j trundell bedd, furnished, j cubbard, j chest, and j iron chimneye, 42s. *In the newe chamber.* One bedsted, furnished, j trindell bed, furnished, with j cubbard, 3*l.* 10s. *In the low tower chamber.* One bedsted, furnished, with j chest, 26s. 8d. *In the upper tower chamber.* One bedsted, furnished, 13s. 4d. *In the maydens chamber.* Two beddes, with ther furniture, 13s. 4d. *In the howse.* One webbe, for hainginges, and j webbe, for blancketing, 15s. 6d. xiij cushens and iiij greene carpettes 13s. v tables, ij lesser tables, vj stoules, iij chayres, iiij cubbardes, iiij fourmes, iij chestes and ij trunckes, 24s. *In Twysell and the Groteheughe.* Fortye and seaven oxen 58*l.* 10s. xvj kyne 16*l.* ccxij ould shepe 37*l.* 16s. xxxviij bowlls of wheate, wherof xxviij was sowen, 28*l.* 10s. viij bowlls of rye, sowen at Twysel, 4*l.* 8s. Sowen in the Grotehughe, xj bowls and j bushell of rye, 6*l.* 6s. 6d. *In the hill.* Sixtene oxen 20*l.* Money received, since the testator's death, upon a debt, 17*l.* 15s. Deptes due to Sir John 51*l.* 8s. Other debtes, the recoverie wherof is not so certaine, 31*l.* Somma totalis 374*l.* 9s. *The funerall charges and other debtes, dew by Sir John.* Charges of the funerall 163*l.* 9s. 6d. To Mr. William Selbye, of Newcastell, 100*l.* To Sir John Forster, knt., 30*l.* To the ladye of Howburne, wedow, 20*l.* To Agnes Hasillwood, wedow, 16*l.* To Mr. Nicholas Pendelbury 4*l.* 8s. 7d. To Mr. Raphe Lawson of Broughe, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. Somma totalis 340*l.* 11s. 5d. ✠

CXVI. AMBROSE MASON, OF BARNARD CASTELL, DYER.

INVENTORY. Oct. 12, 1596. His apparell 30s. A cote of plate, a jack, ij billes, a lead malle, a steele cappe, a caliveir, a flaske and touche-box, 20s. vij pewther dublers, iij sawcers, j pottenger, and one aqua-vitæ bottell, 8s. A cupbord, a presser, with a spence in the end, 20s. *In dieng stuffe.* A quarter and vj poundes of allum 6s. In madder, one hundreth save iiij

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poundes, 53s. In brasell, half a hundreth and xj poundes, 46s. 8d. In galles, viij poundes, 6s. In swarthe, iiij poundes, 8d. v teames, ij horse-teames, ij cutwithies, a sock, iiij wayne hapes, vij wayne cloutes, ij hay spades, ij caldron bandes, a wayne stroke, an axle nayle, ij speake shaves, ij wymbles, a muck-hack, xij double bandes, and a wayne shakle, 17s. 6d. *In the shoppe.* Clothe dyed, after 6d. a yeard, 4*l.* More clothe died, after 2d. a yeard, 6s. 6d. Somme 218*l.* 7s. 10d. Debtes owinge by him 22*l.* 5s. Somma clara 196*l.* 2s. 10d.

CXVII. INVENTARIUM ROBERTI ATKYNSON.

An inventorie of all the goodes &c., of Mr. Robert Atkynson,* of the towen and county of Newcastell-upon-Tyne, marchante and alderman, praysyd by Mr. Lyonell Maddeson, and Mr. William Grenewell, aldermen, and Edward Bartram and William Huntly, merchantes, the xjth day of October, 1596.

In the halle. One yron chymnay, with a porre, and j payer of thonges, 26s. 8d. ij tables, of waynskotte, 50s. ij newe carpettes 20s. ij old carpettes 3s. 4d. ij dressers, of waynskott, sett wourke, 40s. ij dresser clothes 2s. 6d. ij waynskotte fyrmes 6s. 8d. ij waunet tre chayres 10s. j lyttel waunet tre chayre 2s. v buffett stolles 5s. vj newe greayne quishens 6s. 8d. vj old grene quishens 2s. vj thrume quishens 6s. j payer of playinge tables, a lyttell table, for chyldren, ij lyttell stolles, coverred, and a lyttell waynskott stulle, 8s. 2d. *In the parlore.* One iron chimnay 10s. j payer of iron rackes, a porre, j iron shoulle, 5s. j waynskotte table and a chayre 8s. j bedstead, with a featherbedd, a matterres, a bouster, ij coverletes, a twylt, and j greayne rugge, 40s. j Danske chyste 4s. One lokeinge glasse 2s. *In the newe chamber above the hall.* One iron chimnay 6s. 8d. j waynskott tayble 30s. vj buffett stolles 6s. j waynskott dresser 20s. j waunet tre chayer 5s. j chayer, with a leather backe, 6s. 8d. j turned chayre, of eshe, 12d. iiij Danske coffers 20s. ij Spanyshe quyshens 5s. vj lyttell fotte-stolles 12d. *In the gallerre.* One lyttell iron chymnay 5s. j rounde table 3s. 4d. j greayne carpett 1s. 6d. j lyttell dresser, glasses, stone pottes and a standyshe, for wryting, 6s. *In my master his chamber.* One iron chimnay, with a porre, 5s. j lyttell dresser 2s. j bedstead, with ij featherbedes, j bouster, ij cods, j payer of blankites, j coverlett, j oversee bedd, j greayne rugge, with a payer of seay curtens, and a payer of vallances, greayne and whyt, 4*l.* 13s. 4d.

* The merchant, whose valuable inventory is here printed, was sheriff of Newcastle 1580. Administration was granted, Oct. 15, 1596, to his wife Isabel.

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j lyttell greayne carpett 12d. j cubbarth, and a lyttel cypresse box, 33s. 4d. j bandet coffer 3s. 4d. j lyttell presser, with certaine bookes, 40s. j great Danke chyste, with sett wourke, 5*l*. *In the mens chamber*. One waynskotte chayer 20d. j beadstead, with a featherbed, and matteras, a bouster, a cod, ij happens and j coverlett, 24s. j other bedsteade, with a featherbed, a matterres, a bouster, a coverlett and an old twylte, 24s. j lange-settell, of waynskott, 3s. 4d. ij coverlettes, with ther furnyture, 40s. j murryon, with iij heade peces, 20s. j old screayne 12d. *In the maydes chamber*. One iron chimnay 5s. j waynskott presser 26s. 8d. j waynskott bedstead, with a trendell bedd, 10s. ij matterresses, j bouster, ij lyttell cods, ij happens, vj tappestry cuishens, 20s. vj thrumbe quishens and vj Skoteshe quishens 26s. vj muccado quyshens 6s. j tapestry carpett and j greane carpett 3*l*. ij carpetes, Noryshe wourke, 16s. 8d. j greane twylt 10s. ij payer of curtens, with ther fleers, 24s. vj coverletes and v blanketes 35s. v coursse coverletes 10s. iij fustyan codds and j codd, of tyckinge, 12s. 6d. j oversee bed coveringe, that lyeth in paune, 20s. j old oversee bed coveringe and a lyttell dresser cloth 6s. *In the ruffe lofte*. One chyste and a lyttell fourme 5s. iiij spyninge whelles, for lynt, 4s. ij heckels, with certen wood trayes, 2s. vj wood doublers, and vj broges, 2s. 6d. xl lbs of heckled towe, and other tryfels, 6s. 8d. xxiiij shoules, and j old screayne, 3s. 6d. xxx lbs of heckled lyntt 15s. A lytell baskett, a cap-kaysse, and yarne wyndel blayds, 2s. *In the butterre*. One dossen chargers 30s. j bayson and j ewer 4s. viij Danske pottes 12s. ij lesser pottes 2s. v flower pottes, and j hand bayson, 2s. 6d. ij tunnes, and iij tynne bottels, 5s. viij tynne candelstykes 5s. 4d. vj brasse candelstykes 6s. j lyttell pestall and a morter 16d. j custardt playtte 6d. iij pottell pottes, ij quartt pottes, ij pynt pottes, a lyttell tynne salt, a gyll pott, half a gyll pott and iij drinkeinge tynne pottes, 9s. 8d. j leather flackett, and a pouder flaxe, 4s. 10d. j tosteinge iron, and a trencher knyffe, 4d. j cubbard and a cubbard clothe 2s. 6d. iij lyttell fir chystes, and a lyttell stoull, 3s. j payer of gantres, a butter kytt, and other odd tryffles, 2s. vj dossen wood trenchers 2s. *Chyste vesselle*. Two doussen and one platters 40s. iij baysons, and iij ewers, 20s. vj pewder dyshes 6s. vj howell doublers 6s. iij pye playtes 2s. j dossen lesser howell dyshes 6s. 8d. j dossen potten dyshes 4s. ij dossen banckettinge dysshes 12s. ij dossen playtt trenchers 8s. j doussen and viij sawcers 5s. vj flower pottes 3s. j bell tynne salt 12d. v tynne candelstykes 6s. 8d. j lyttell wandett baskett, and a stone cupp, 12d. *The playtte*. One neste of gobletes, with a cover, parcell gylt, in weight lxiiij ounces $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{8}$, at 2s. per ounce, 16*l*. 4s. 4d.

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ij peces, with a cover, parcell gylt, in weight xlix ounces and ½, at 5s., 11*l.* 7s. 6d. ij peces, parcell gylt, xxiiij ounces ¾, at 5s., 6*l.* 3s. 9d. j pece, double gylt, xvj ounces ¾, at 6s., 5*l.* 6d. ij whyt peces, one for wyne, and one for beayer, xviij ounces ½, at 4s. 6d., 4*l.* 3s. 4d. j newe potte, double gylt, xiij ounces ¼, at 6s., 3*l.* 19s. 6d. j old pott, double gylt, xij ounces ½, at 5s. 4d., 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j silver can, parcell gylt, xxij ounces, at 5s., 5*l.* 10s. j sylver can, double gylt, xvij ounces ½, at 6s., 5*l.* 5s. j sylver salt, with a cover, double gylt, xij ounces ¾, at 6s., 3*l.* 16s. 6d. j salte, with a cover, double gylt, xxxiij ounces ¼, at 6s., 9*l.* 19s. 6d. j lyttell trencher salt, with a cover, double gylt, iiij ounces ¼, at 6s., 25s. 6d. j salt, parcell gylt, with a cover, xvj ounces, at 5s., 4*l.* j sylver tayster, iij ounces, at 4s., 12s. j doussen sylver spons, parcell gylt, xxv ounces, att 5s., 6*l.* 5s. j dossen and vij sylver spones, xxij ounces ½, at 4s. 6d, 5*l.* 1s. 3d. ij stone jugges, garneshed with sylver, and double gylted, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the kytchinge.* One iron chimnay, with a porr, and a payer of tonges, and a payer of rackes, 46s. 8d. vij iron speates 7s. iij great brasse pottes, vj lesser brasse pottes, and iiij posnetes, 36s. iij coper yettlyngs, iij brodd pannes, and a brasse kettell, 26s. iij lesser brasse kettels, a brasse pan, j fryenge pan, and ij dreping pans, 13s. j payer of standeinge irons, a payer of lyeinge irons, a payer of potteclypes, a tosteinge iron, and a fleshe crooke, 3s. 2d. j pestell and a morter, ij laddels, ij baysteinge spones, ij chopinge knyves, a shearinge knyfe, iij pere pans and a laver, of brasse, 9s. 4d. j jayvelynge staffe, and iiij halbartes, 13s. 4d. ij muskates, with ther furniture, 26s. 8d. ij callevers, with ther furniture, 20s. ij other callevers, with one flask and tuch-box, 13s. 4d. j old chafendyshe, v tynne chamber pottes, vij doublers, vij puder dyshes, a dossen pottendyshes, vj sawcers, ij py plates, ij buckates, a standeinge tobbe, a lyttell forme, a stolle and a choppinge bord, 23s. 6d. ij iron pottelyds, j horne lantarne, a lyttell coffer, and ij hyngeinge candelstykes, 3s. 8d. vj bankettinge dyshes, iiij old doublers, ij payer of toppers, and j old brushe, 5s. 6d. j cawell aumbry 3s. 4d. *The paystrie.* One presser aumberry 10s. j borde, for choppeinge of fleshe, and j candell chyste, 2s. 10d. j payer of mustartt stones, a quaylle caygge, a byrd caddge, ij syvves, iij peckes, and iiij rowelinge pyns, 4s. 10d. *In the brewhousse.* One maskeinge tubbe, and wourtt tubbe, with ther furniture, 10s. iij wourtt trowes, a wourtt saye, certen tubbes, and other tryffels, 3s. 6d. j gyllefatt, iiij barrels, for beayer, vj halfe-barrels, for beayer, j old cubbard, ij temces, iij gantres, a leather, with old tubbes, and a gret wood bolle, 19s. 8d. *The beaffe seller.* Fower empty hodgesheads, for beayffe, and ij kyttes, 5s. j candell furme, j buckatt, ij firkins, and other tryfels,

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6s. 6d. j wyndo-clothe, vj sekes and vj pokes, 8s. *The napperrie.* Two fyne dyper tableclothes, and ij dyper dresser clothes, 19s. j dossen and iiij dyper napkings, with a dyper towell, 10s. j coursse dyper tableclothe, with ij towels, and ij dresser clothes, of dyper, 12s. j dosen of dyper napkings 10s. iij lynne tableclothes, with cut worke and frenged, with iiij dresser clothes, playne, and a longe towell, 23s. 4d. v table clothes, of coursse lynne, 8s. iij old lynne tableclothes 3s. ij straykeinge tableclothes 3s. v dresser clothes, of straykeings, 4s. iiij dresser clothes, of harden, 2s. ij dossen napkings, sewed with blewe worke, 8s. j dossen and vj napkings, with blewe worke, 10s. vj napkings, sewed with whyt worke, 5s. ij dossen old napkins, with whyt worke, 8s. iiij dossen coursse napkins, with blew worke, 16s. j dossen old napkins, of dyvers sortes, 2s. xij straykeinge hand towels 2s. 6d. vj fyne pyllebeayers 10s. viij coursse pyllebeares 8s. v payer of fyne lynne sheates 45s. v payer of courser lynne sheates 20s. vj payer of straykeinge sheates 18s. vij payer of harden sheates 17s. 6d. *His apparrell.* One gowen, of blacke brod-clothe, double garded with velvett, and fayced with bougg, 7*l.* j turkes grogren gowen, fayssed with cony fur, and garded with velvett, 4*l.* j blacke brod-clothe gowen, garded, 2*l.* 10s. j old brod-clothe gowen 20s. j buffen gowen, lyned with bougge, 26s. 8d. j blacke sattan doublett 20s. j sprusse leather gyrkin, with vj sylver buttons, gylt, 18s. j blacke satan doublett, with a leather gyrken, and ij sylver buttons, gylt, 30s. j fustyan doublett, with satan sleaves, and a grogren jackatt, 20s. j sylke grogren jackett, with belemant lace and satan sleaves, 26s. 8d. j old sattan doublett, ij payer of grogren bryches, and a payer of old bryches, 26s. 8d. j felt hatt, lyned with velvett, 6s. 8d. iij velvett nyght capes, and a rond cappe, 8s. 6d. j clothe jackatt, with belement lace, and an old freaysado jackatt, 16s. 8d. j brode-clothe clooke, lyned with taffaty, 30s. j greayne rydeinge cloke 13s. 4d. j taffaty hatt 5s. j prevey cott, with playtt sleeves, and a stealle cappe, 22s. j payer of newe bootes 6s. 8d. Certen old apperrell 3s. 4d. *The stable lofte and wayste.* One blacke nagge 4*l.* j lyttell gray meare 26s. 8d. iij fothers of hay 20s. j saddell, with stirrope, gyrtes and brydell, 6s. 8d. xxj fir dayls 13s. 4d. vj double sparres and vj small sparres 3s. j cowell, for pullen, 2s. 6d. ij seywes and iij washinge toubes, 3s. j brayke, for bread, 12d. *The shoppe.* One firkyn of soppe 9s. j fadge of lyntt 8s. j weay-bauke, and a pare of brasse skales, 10s. iiij dossen of pepper 6*l.* j Danske chyste, and a shope chyste, 12s. j chayer, and a beffe tubbe, 3s. iij lbs of cloves 20s. A payer of gould weightes, a lyttell hammer, a hatchatt, a hande-sawe, with a

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leade hatchatt, 6s. 8d. ij burdes bagges, and ij gymletes, 18d. iij cagges of strudgshon 20s. ij cagges of eaylles 16s. j browen byll, and x lbs of twyne, 6s. *In the lowe seller, in Chapmane chayer.* Twentee fower fir dayles 16s. iiij waynskottes 10s. One hundreth clapbord 24s. v bunche of lattes 2s. 6d. Fyve skore and x fir sparres 18s. 4d. Fyve hundreth tyldes 3s. 4d. *In the loweste lofte.* One hundredthe nynty and one fadgs, or bundels, of lynt, beinge iij Danske lastes, att 32*l.* per laste, 96*l.* cccv salt fyshe 7*l.* 10s. In John Barker's neather lofte, in the same chayer, iiij chalders of whyt rye, at 10s. per boull, 32*l.* j bowell tubbe, and j bushell, 6s. In his upper lofte, ix shepe skynes 9s. *In the lowe seller, in Grindon chayer.* Threttie fower fadges of lynt, beinge halfe a laste, 14*l.* Halfe a Danske laste of hempe, with roppes and canvesses, 7*l.* 10s. iiij bundels of hempe, being viij ston, 20s. j weaye-bauke, and a pare of skalles, 10s. xvj fir dayles 8s. v half hundrethe weight of iron 12s. 6d. ij quarter weightes, a ston, and seaven pound, weightes, 4s. 6d. vij packe ropes, and vij canvesses, 35s. j hodgeshead of venecer 18s. j lyttell fardell of pampleon 20s. *The lowest lofte.* Fiftye three fadge of lyntt, beinge the quarter of a laste, 24*l.* j table, ij trestes, j boulle tubb, a buffatt stoolle, ij ropes, and ij canvesses, 18s. 4d. *The myddell lofte.* Two hundreth xxij fadges of lynte, beinge iij lastes and a quarter, att 32*l.* per laste, 104*l.* vij packe roppes, and vij canvesses, 35s. j weaye-bauke, ij payer of skalles, and ij half hundrethe weightes, of iron, 8s. 4d. *The hyeste lofte.* Two hundrethe and ninetye shepe skines 24*l.* xlj fir dayles 34s. j brogge, j pecke, ij corne shoulles, and a taklle fawell, 3s. 6d. *The leade seller.* Eightie and fyve peces of lead, in weighte iij fothers cxxviij stone ix lbs of lead, at 7*l.* 10s. per fother, 28*l.* *The seller in the Sydde.* Twentie firkins of Flander's soppe 9*l.* j greate weay-bauke, and a payer of skaylles, 20s. xlv ends of Engleshe iron 9*l.* j chiste of glasse 18s. iij halfe hundrethe weightes, and a stone weighte, 8s. j lyttell fleshe stolle 6d. *The neather lofte in the Sydde.* Twentye fower fadges of lyntt, weing xlvj stone, 10*l.* xvj fadges of Halleflax lyntt 16*l.* j small weay-bauke, and a pare of skalles, 3s. 4d. One hundreth, one ston, and vij pond, weightes 6s. 8d. iij packe ropes, iij canvesses, and ij shepe skines, 17s. cliiij ends of Danske iron 10*l.* *The hyeste lofte in the Sydde.* Fower fadges of Halleflax lynt 4*l.* j bushell meaysoure 2s. *In the lofte in Pylgrame stret.* Twelve fyr dayles, v sprusse dayles, and iij small buntons, 10s. 6d. *Carten leasses.* One leasse of a pece of medowe growend, in Ryton haughes, for a yeare yet to come, 10s. j leasse of ij salt pannes, at Shealles, for xvj yeres, 115*l.* j leasse, from Rychard Harregatte, for a house, by the

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Keaye sydd, 10*l.* j panne lyghtner, at the Sheals, the half belonginge to my master, 5*l.* j leasse of a farme, in Whitbourne, from Richard Johnson, 20*l.* *Shippeinge.* One quarter of a fysher, called the Mary Forton, of the Sheals, 20*l.* A quarter of a good shippe, called the Newe John, of Newcastell, 50*l.* A sixt part of a good shippe, called the barke Chancewell, of Newcastell, which nowe is att the sceay, 60*l.* *Clothe and other thinges.* One pece of lynne clothe, in lengthe xvj yds, 16s. vij yds of camarycke 50s. iij payer of Spanyshe leather shoos 4s. iij vellvete nyght cappes 6s. 8d. viij lbs of sugar 8s. j velvete gyrdell 2s. j velvete muffe 2s. j payer of pantyples 2s. j booke, called Peter Marter, another boke, called the Booke of Marters, j large Byble, and ij small Byblies, 50s. j cowe, at Hedwourthe, 30s. Somma totalis 964*l.* 17s. 3d. In supposed good debtes 2416*l.* 10s. In doubtfull debtes 640*l.* 2s. 6d. Other debtes, some since the exhibiting of the other note, without specialties, 315*l.* 11s. 6d. In desperat debtes 533*l.* In readie money, found at his death, 2200*l.* *Debtes owinge by him.* Unto Robert Barker, sonne of Mr. Robert Barker, of Newcastell, merchant and alderman, deceased, for his filiall portion, 350*l.* To the same, for a legacie, geven him by Mr. John Marche, 15*l.* 6s. 8d. To the same, for the yearlie rent of his house, 31*l.* 4s. To Sara Barker, for her filiall portion, 350*l.* To the same, for a legacie by Mr. Marche, 100*l.* To the same, for the overplusse of Mr. Marche his goodes, 25*l.* 7s. 7d. To William Jackson, of Newcastle, butcher, for shepe skinnes, 75*l.* 1s. 8d. To Alexander Lidderdaile, of Newcastle, butcher, for shepe skinnes, 74*l.* 6s. To his servantes, for theire waiges, 12*l.* Some total of debtes 103*l.* 5s. 11d. Funerall charges 144*l.* 5s. 5d. Spent about the letter of administration, and other funeralls, 54*l.* 13s. 6d. ✠

CXVIII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI GRENEWELL.

Jan 13, 1596-7. William Grenwell,* of Newcastle, mer-

* Son of William Greenwell, of Bowlees, parish of Wolsingham, co. Durham, by Margaret, daughter of John Crooke. He married Anne, daughter of John Gibson, of Newcastle, merchant. He was sheriff of Newcastle in 1591.

The family of Bowlees was one of a numerous clan, of the name, in Weardale, and was a branch of the house of Greenwell, par. Wolsingham, which descended from Gulielmus presbyter, to whom Bishop Pudsey, before 1180, granted lands in Greenwell, and whose son James designated himself, after the name of his patrimony. The estate of Greenwell, after a lapse of nearly seven centuries, is now, by lineal male descent, the property of Henry Greenwell, of the city of Durham, esq. From Thomas, a younger son of John de Grenwell, of Grenwell, who died before 1462, and Johanna his wife, the family of Greenwell, of Stobilee and the Ford, parish of Lanchester, is descended.

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chant and alderman. To be buried in my parishe churche of St. Nicholas. To the poore of Newcastle 4*l.*, and to the repaireinge of my parishe church 20s. To the poore of the parishe of Wolsingham 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my welbeloved wife Anne my house, wherein I now dwell, dureinge hir life, and then to come to my sonne William. To my said wife, all my plate, dureing her life, and I desire, that she will distribute it amongst my foure children. To my said wife all such leases, as my father-in-law, John Gibsonne,* did give unto us, for the use of our children, payeinge unto my mother Gibson 30*l.* a yeare, dureing her life naturall. To my sonne Robert my farmeholde, in Kiblesworth, and if it come to be purchased, I will that it be purchaised, and payd for, with my money. To my sonne William my parte of the grande lease, with my parte of Axewell, Pealeflatte, and Jackesleayes, and all my parte of the coles, that I have on the north side, and my parte of the rectorye of Midfoorth, and my parte of Wellton's land, my wife havinge hir thirds, provided, that when he cometh to lawfull yeares, he shall make sufficient assurance of all the landes, I have at Wolsingham, unto my sonne John. I give all the said land I have at Wolsingham, to my mother, Margarett Grenwell, dureing her life, and after her decease, to come to my sonne John, and his heirs, and then to my sonne Robert. To my daughter Jane 200*l.*, at her full age, or at the day of her mariage. To my sonne John 100*l.*, when he come to xxj yeres. To my sonne Robert 60*l.*, when he come to xxj yeres. To my mother, Margarett Grenwell, 10*l.* To my sister, Jennet Colson, 5*l.*, and to everye one of her children 20s., and the lease of her farmeholde, which I have of Doctor Barnes, to her and William Colson, her sonne. To my sister, Margaret Tood, 5*l.*, and to

* His will is dated Feb. 9, 1592-3. "John Gibson, of Newcastell, merchante. To Hawghton parishe, wher I was born, 10*l.* To the poore of Newcastle 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To William Grenwell, and his wife Anne, my farmeholde in Kibblesworth, whiche I bowght of Christofer Elmer; the lease of my farmeholde in Lameslie, which I holde of Mr. Richard Gascoigne, of Sadbery, and Jane his wife; my farme in Kibblesworthe, which I holde by lease from Edward Goyttes; my lease of the tythe of Wylom, which I holde of the queen; the lease of the great close, without Sandgate; my parte of the grand lease, and my parte of the lease of Acksheels, Pealeflatt, and Jackeleyes. To John, sonne of the above William and Anne Grenwell, a lofte and two sellers in Plummer chare, also my best silver salte, with a cover, duble gilte. To William Grenwell, and Anne his wife, a nest of silver goblettes, with a cover, duble gilte. To William Grenwell my beste ringe, and to Anne a goblett, duble gilt, also I geve them for life, my almes-house of the nether deane bridge, and after ther death, to ther sonne William, and to geve, for twentye yeres, everie yere, two chalders of coles to the poore of the said house. To John Grenwell and his wife, to eche a Frenche crown." He mentions his wife Jane and his son Robert, and Robert's daughters, Bessie and Anne. His partner, Robert Shafto.

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every one of her children, that she had by Richard Rawlinge, 40s. a peece. To Daniell Tood 10*l.*, and to every one of the rest of her children, by Robert Tood, 20s. To John Grenwell, th'elder, 40*l.* To William Crooke 20*l.* To Michaell Kirklay 40*l.* To my mother Gibson one old ryall. To my sonne William the signett, which was my father Gibson's. To Robert Gibsone and his wife 20s. each, and to every one of their children one Frenche crowne. To John Pereson and his wife, to either of them one old angell. To Anne, wife of John Grenwell, one old anngell, and to everye one of their children one Frenche crowne. To Margaret, wife of Thomas Doods, one old angell, and to everye one of there children one French crowne. To Lyonell Grenwell and his wife, to either of them one old angell, and to everye one of their children, now livinge, one Frenche crowne. To my partner, Robert Shaftoe, and his wife, to either of them one old angell, and to every one of their children one Frenche crowne. To Hughe Mayson and his wife, to either of them an old angell, and to his sonne, William Mayson, one Frenche crowne. To Anne Shaftoe, widdow, one old angell, and to everye of her children 20s. To William Crooke, his wife, one old angell, and to everye one of there children one Frenche crowne. To every one of my servantes, at Bowelees, 5s. To Janet Walton 5s., and the house she now dwelleth in, so longe as she liveth. To Thomas Grenwell, of Thorneley, and his wife, to either 5s., willing them to make payment of such money as they owe me. To my brother, Thomas Grenwell, of London, 40s., and to my cosin, William Grenwell, 40s., and to John Kirklay 20s. The rest to my wife, and William, Robert, John and Jane, my children, whome I make full executors, and I make my lovinge frendes, Mr. William Murton, vicar of this towne, and Mr. George Farnabie, marchant and alderman, supervisors, and I give to either of them two angells, for a token. More I give unto Mr. John Morehouse, preacher, 20s. Witnesses, William Crooke, Michaell Kirklaye. [Pr. Feb. 11, 1596-7.]

Inv. Feb. 28, 1596-7. One greate Bible 20s. One corslet, with furniture, 25s. One dag, with charges, 6s. 8d. A table, for drawghtes, a dosen of playing cardes, v wainscotte boxes, and a greene coffer, 8s. 8d. iiij halbarte stafes, one sword, and a short hanger, 26s. 8d. One Bible, with other smalle bokes, 13s. 4d. One puther flask, with vj bottles, 10s. Sixe dozen rounde trenchers, j mazer cup, and ix aile cuppes, 4s. 8d. xxiij drinkinge glasses 6s. 8d. Three peices, parcell gilt, weing xxix ounces, 9*l.* 15s. ij saltes, parcell gilt, weying xx ounces, 5*l.* 10s. v white bowles, weying xxvj ounces, 6*l.* 10s. One salt and j

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cupp, dubble gilt, weying xxiiij ounces, 6*l.* One neste of gobletts, with a cover, dubble gilt, weying lviij ounces, 15*l.* xxxiiij spones, weying xlj ounces, 9*l.* 4s. 6d. iij battre kettles 53s. 4d. xv battre pannes, and ij brasse yetlinges, 40s. One yron cressett 2s. A posset bowle, with a cover, 2s. iij greate plaites and tynne custerd caistes 10s. vj Dainsicke buckettes, iij printes, v rowles in the paistrie, j freme, and x earthen mugges, 2s. A pare of virginalls 10s. A stillatorie and ij stone jugges 4s. One oulde white corslet, with furnyture, 20s. One muskett and j callever, with the furnyture, 26s. 8d. One spikeringe, j paire of goulde weightes, and an ould halbarte, 3s. xx weight of battrie 9*l.* xxv island linges 4*l.* 10s. ij remes of French paper 6s. 8d. Thre black broad-cloath gownes, and j gowne, of hunskett grogeren, 5*l.* iiij clokes 53s. 4d. j clothe jackett and a jerken 10s. j ould grogeren jacket and a lether jerken 5s. j ould damask jacket 10s. iij ould silk dublets and j ould satten dublett 20s. j new satten dublett 20s. iij hates 5s. *At Bowlees.* Sixe oxen and viij stottes 29*l.* viij kine 13*l.* iij whies and v stirkes 6*l.* 10s. j mare and a young fillie 4*l.* clxvij wether shepe 38*l.* lviij ewes and gimbers, and vj tuppes, 13*l.* xxix hogges 4*l.* 7s. A lease of the fermehould, at Grenwell hill, 50*l.* Waynes, plewes, and other gere, 3*l.* j thwart sawe and a hand sawe 3s. iiij axes, iij greate wimbles, j raik wimble, a nale parcell, with bittes, iij yron wedges, ij haches, and j craw, of yron, 14s. ij callevers, with flask and touch-bockes, j headpeace, ij steall cappes, j halbarte, a dagg, a bowe and a shafe of arrowes, 40s. Some of all, desperate debtes, which amounte to 980*l.* 8s. 4d., excepted, is 2730*l.* 6s. 9d. He owes 314*l.* 12s. 8d. His funeralle cost 55*l.* 15s. 11d. Paid to the poore, and to the repairinge of St. Nicholas churche, 8*l.* 6s. 8d. Which beinge deducted, theire resteth 2351*l.* 11s. 6d.

CXIX. TESTAMENTUM CUTHBERTI COLLINGWOOD, MILITIS.

Dec. 24, 1596. Sir Cuthbert Collingwoode,* of Eppleden, in the countye of Durham, knight. My bodie privatly to be

* Sir Cuthbert Collingwood, of an ancient and wide-spreading Northumbrian house, and whose ancestors had been seated at Eslington, co. of Northumberland, for several generations, became possessed of large estates in the county of Durham, by his marriage with Dorothy, daughter and co-heir of Sir George Bowes, of Dalden, knt., in whose veins flowed some of the best blood of the north. He was the son of John Collingwood, esq., by Ursula, daughter and heir of William Buckton, of Buckton, co. York, esq. His inventory shews, that, like most of the gentry of this day, he farmed to a very considerable extent, and that in flocks and herds consisted the greater part of his wealth.

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buried in some convenient place, in the parishe churche, where it shall please Almightye God to call me to His mercie, and my funerall dinner, and other obsequies, to be done att Whittingham, within the county of Northumberland, at the cost of Thomas,* my sonne and heire. To my daughter Rebecca† 300*l.* My will is, that Nycholas Thorneton, my sonne-in-lawe, be paied 180*l.*, the remainder of 200*l.* which I promised him, at the mariage of my daughter Dorothie, now his wife, and that my sonne-in-lawe, William Reade, be paied 7*l.*, being the last part of 300*l.*, due unto my daughter Jaine, his wife. To George, my seconde

* His son Thomas, who pre-deceased him, married Anne, daughter of Sir Ralph Grey, of Chillingham, knt. His will is dated Feb. 25, 1596-7. "Thomas Collingwoode, of Eslington, in the countye of Northumberland, esquier. To be buryed in my parishe churche of Whittingham. To my brother-in-lawe, Mr. John Swinborne, of Edlingham, esquiere, towardes the education of his children, and to my sustor, Rebecca Collingwood, in token of my especiall love and goodwyll towardes them, and in requitall of there zealous affection, extraordinary shewed to me, the sum of 20*l.*, to be paied yerlye for xiiij yeres, to be paied out of my chief tenementes and hereditamentes, within the countye of Yorke. To my sonne, John, duringe his lyfe, all my landes in Titlington and Brome parke, allowinge and grantinge unto him full power to make joynter unto his wyef, if it please God he have one, to the valewe yearlye of 40*l.* To my daughter, Mary Collingwoode, towardes her education, and in full satisfaction of her childe's part, 500*l.* Yf it please God that my wyef Ann, nowe with childe, shall by God's greate goodnes, beare a man chyld, then I geve unto him 30*l.* yerelye, to be paied out of my landes, within the bushopricke of Duresme, and yf it happen my wyefe to beare a daughter, then I geve her 500*l.*, towardes her education, and in payment of her childe's part. To John Clerke, of Alnwyke, burgess, in consideration of his faithfull goodwyll, service and travale, usede to me, and my ancetors, and in hope of his zealous affection hereafter, to be shewed towardes my wyefe and children, 40*s.*, yerely, duringe his life. To my servante, Juliane Gower, 20*l.* To my servante, Edmonde Collingewoode, 20*l.*, and to his brother Martyne, my servante, xx nobles. To my servante, William Smythe, xx markes, and to my servante, George Leslye, xx nobles, and the same to my servante Jeffray Hallyday. To my servante John Alder, my horsse, callede gray Browne, and v markes. To my servante, Robert Selby, and to Elizabethe, his wife, 5*l.* To my nursse and servante Katherin Raynoldes xx nobles. To all the reste of my servantes there duble yearlye wages. To my neace, Margarett Swinborne, 10*l.* And for the better discharging of these my legacies &c., I doe gyve, demise &c., to my brethren-in-lawe, Rauf Gray, of Chillingham, and Edward Gray, of Morpeth, esquieres, all my landes &c., in the counties of Yorke and Duresme, for the space of xiiij yeres, they payinge yearly unto my sonnes, Robert and John, xx markes, during the yeres aforesaid, and I make these my two sonnes executores, and my wyefe to have the tuicion of them, durynge ther nonage. I make my saide brethren-in-lawe Rafe, and Edward Gray, esquieres, and my brethren, Mr. Francys Radclyfe and George Collingwoode, esquieres, supervysors."

Inv. Thirtie fower kyne 56*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* vj quyes 10*l.* xlij oxen 79*l.* 2*s.* iiij two-yere cattell 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* xiiij skores of yowes 60*l.* 13*s.* vj skores of gymmers and dinmondes 19*l.* 10*s.* x skores of hogges 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* vij horses and mares 20*l.* Houshold stuffe 20*l.* In furniture for husbandry 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* In corne, in the felde and in the howse, 45*l.* x younge cattell, of a yeare and a halfe, 3*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* ✠

† Rebecca Collingwood married first, Thomas Salvin, of Thornton, co. Durham, esq., and secondly, ... Frobisher

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sonne, my lease of all my landes in East Brunton, West Brunton, Fawdon, Dinnington, Weateslede, Blakedon, Kenton and Thorneton, within the county of Northumberland, also I geve him my lease &c., of all the tythes of Eslington, Great Rile, Thornton, Barton, and Shawdon, within the parishe of Whittingham, which lease I have of the deane and chapter of Carleile, paieinge the yearelie rent of 8*l.* 3s. 4d., also the lease &c., of all my landes &c., within the townes &c., of Inghram, Lowicke, Cald Martin and Heathpoole, in the county of Northumberland, which I have of the demise of Mr. Denton, of Cardewe, in the countye of Cumberland. To my sonne Cuthbert his choyce of all my horses, to take one of them, which he best liketh, accordinge to my promise to him made, and I also give unto him the 17*l.*, which he nowe hath in his handes, beinge the remaine of my Martinmas rent last, by him collected. To the said Nicholas Thorneton, my sonne-in-lawe, my black French coulte. To yonge Henrie Anderson, sonne to my daughter Anderson, my other French coult, which in part is his owne. I doe ratifie all such anuityes, which, heretofore, I have granted to George, Cuthbert, Robert, Henrie and Travenian Collingwoode, in full recompence of there filiall porcions of my goodes, and that my sonne Henrie, now servinge my lord of Durham, be paied his anuitye, being 30*l.* by the yere. My will is, that my sonne Travenian shall remaine with my sonne George, and he to provide him meat, drinck, lodging, apperell &c., and that my sonne Robert remaine also with George, until he maie be placed with a maister. To my servant, Peter Homes, the xx markes, which Henrie Perkinson and Mr. John Eden doe owe me. To my servant John Collingwoode 5*l.*, and to William Gaire, my servant, 40s. To Mergerie Drue, Jane Stamers and Anne Gaire, women servantes, 13s. 4d. a peece. I will that Edward Mowettson shall be kept duringe his life, and to have all thinges necessarie, as he was mainteyned while I lived. To the poore distressed prisoners in the gaole in Durham 5*l.*, to be bestowed at the discrecion of my frende Thomas Salven, of the citye of Durham. To the poore prisoners in the high castle in Newcastle-upon-Tyne 5*l.*, at the discrecion of my daughter Anderson, and to the poore of Houghton-in-the-Springe, Seaton and Dawton 5*l.*, and to the poore in the parishe of Whittingham v markes. And whereas, with Thomas Collingwoode, my sonne and heire apparant, I do stand joyntlye bound unto my sonne-in-lawe Mr. Henrie Anderson, in the sume of 600*l.*, to paie unto the said Henrie Anderson 300*l.*, to the use of my daughter Rebecca, and whereas wee doe stand bound unto my sonne-in-lawe Mr. Robert Claveringe, in the sume of 600*l.*, to paie unto

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him 300*l.*, to the use of my daughter Jane, now wife of Willyam Reade, and to my daughters Dorothie and Katherin, to either of them in 400*l.*, to paie unto eyther of them 200*l.*, which severall sumes, amountinge to 1000*l.*, should have bene paied att daies long since past, my will is, that my said sonne Thomas paie the said sumes, due unto my son and daughters, with all convenient speed, after my decease. And whereas I did covenant to give the said Thomas, att the tyme of his marrage, cccc ewes, xxiiij kine and there followers, v draughtes of oxen and ccc hogges, which were praised to the value of 250*l.*, or thereabouts, on condition, that he should paie, within a yeare after my decease, the said sume, at whiche they were valued, unto suche persons as I should legate it to, I doe by this my will give the same unto John and Cuthbert, sonnes of my sonne George, whom I make my full and sole executors. The rest of my goodes &c., to the said John and Cuthbert, and I will, that theire father shall have the custodye of them, and my lovinge frendes Mr. Lancelott Carnabie, my sonne-in-lawe, Cuthbert Collingwood, of Shipley, and Cuthbert Collingwood, of Inghram, to be there gardians. Witnesses, John Hedworth, John Collingwood, Peter Home. [Pr. March 4, 1596-7].

Inv. Dec. 30, 1596. *At Grindon.* Sixe score and eight ewes 32*l.* vj tuppes 30s. l hogges 8*l.* 6s. 8d. j bull, coller branded, ij yeares old and the vantage, 20s. iiij old mares and iiij foles 13*l.* 6s. 8d. *At Dalton.* Twentie sixe stottes, of two, three and fower yeares old, 34*l.* 13s. 4d. xvj quies, three yeares ould, 16*l.* xxj quies, that is two yeares ould, 15*l.* 15s. xx stirkes, of this yeares, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. j bull, three yeares ould, coller branded, 30s. iij kye, with calves, 5*l.* cxl ewes 35*l.* cxl hogges 23*l.* 6s. 8d. cij weathers 23*l.* 6s. 8d. vij tupps 35s. The blewe mare and her fole 6*l.* 13s. 4d. iij mares, two yeares ould, 5*l.* *At Eppleden.* Seventene draughte oxen 51*l.* xxxiiij ould kyne 56*l.* 13s. 4d. ij bulles, the one fower yeares ould, and th'other two yeares ould, both blacke, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. viij stirkes, that suckes, 40s. ij younge calves 6s. 8d. A graie horse, called Butter-host, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. ij riden mares, att grasse, 4*l.* ccxliij ewes 60*l.* 15s. xij tuppes 3*l.* xcviij weather shepe 19*l.* 12s. ij hogges 6s. 8d. *At Seham.* Thirtye hogges 8*l.* 6s. 8d. *A note of all the plate that we have in charge.* A bason and an ewer, ij great saltes, ij trencher saltes, ij silver canes, iij silver pottes, iij dozen spones, a nest of goblettes, a gilt nutt, with a cover, ij weathren boules, with a cover, a nest of peaces, with a cover, a nest of goblettes, parcell gilt, iij white silver bowles, 66*l.* 13s. 4d. *Goodes at Dalton and Eppleton.* Sixtene fetherbeddes 16*l.* xx boulsters 40s. xvj coverlettes 32s. xv paire

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of blanckettes 36s. v rugges 50s. xv pillowes 10s. vij tapestrie coveringes, iiij better and iij worse, 8*l.* iiij mattresses 6s. ij rede blankettes 4s. iiij paire of saie courtinges 40s. j paire of yellowe taffatie courtinges, with fringes, j paire of yellowe sarsnett courtinges, j paire of grene saie courtinges, 5*l.* *The wood geare of Eppledon.* Three London bedsteades 4*l.* iij stand bedsteades 10s. ij Spanishe beddsteades 6s. iij trynell beddsteades 3s. j cipres chiste 5s. iij Flanders chistes 15s. iij wainescott chistes 6s. j chiste, with iron barres, 6s. 8d. j coffer, barred with iron, 2s. ij deskes 4s. j paire of virginalls 20s. iij tables 6s. j round table 12d. ij livery cupbordes, ij litle cupbordes, 13s. j cupbord almery 5s. j cupborde plaine 2s. j presser 4s. ij almeryes 13s. 4d. j binge, to laie bread in, 12d. j borde, without a frame, 12d. j close stoole 12d. ij cupbordes, in the kitching, 12d. iiij litle stooles, with coveringes, 16d. xij high buffett stooles 6s. j paire of tables 12d. vij sewed cushions 12s. vj thrum worke cushionettes 6s. ij greane imbrodered chaires 10s. iij other chaires 3s. j tapestrye clothe 5s. j carpinge tableclothe 2s. ij other cupbord clothes 3s. j sewed tablecloth 2s. xvij paire of lynnen sheetes 3*l.* vj pillowes 3s. vj paire of harden sheetes 6s. ij diaper clothes 10s. j damaske cupbord-cloth 2s. j diaper towell 12d. ij damaske bord-clothes 10s. j damaske towell 12d. ij dozen of diaper napkins 6s. viij lynnen borde-clothes 10s. Straken bord-clothes 4s. iiij dozen of common napkins 2s. iiij lynnen towells 4s. iij platinge towells 6s. *The buttrie and kitchin geare.* Two pewter gallant pottes, j pottle pewter pott, iij quart pottes, of pewther, j three-quart pott, 7s. j basen and ewer, iiij dozen of dublers and ij odd, ij dozen of litle dishes, j dozen and x potten dishes, vj pye plates, j custard crust, ij dozen of sawcers and vj odd, xj candlestickes, v chamber pottes, viij banquettinge dishes, and j odd dishe, hollowe and litle, j cesterne, for beare, all of pewter, 6*l.* *The milke-house stuffe.* Fyve chirnes, iiij skeles, j great chease bowle, xxij milke bowles, xj chesfordes, for cheese, vj firkens, iij greater and iij lesser, iij sinckers, for to cover cheese, j brande-iron, that the kettle standes on, j milke kettle, 24s. *The brewhouse vessell.* The brewinge lead 30s. j brewe caldron 20s. j masken tubb 13s. 4d. j coolinge tubbe 3s. j gylinge fatt 5s. iij paist tubbes 2s. ij soes 18d. ij skeeles 12d. j yetlinge pann 2s. ij iron crookes, about the fire, 4s. ij washinge tubbes 8d. ij other tubbes 2s. j brake 8d. j paist longe bord 12d. v beare barrells 6s. 8d. iij greate beeffe pottes, v podish pottes, iiij posnett pottes, 46s. 8d. iiij pannes, j litle pann, 8s. vj speetes 6s. j paire of rackes 6s. 8d. ij droppinge pannes 5s. ij paire of broylinge irons 12d. j paire of pottclipps,

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j ladle, j fleshe-crooke, 16d. j morter and a pestell 3s. iij iron chimneyes 14s. j iron knyffe, ij paire of tonges, 2s. *Debtes owinge by Sir Cuthbert.* To his daughter Rebecca 300*l.* To his daughter Dorathie Thorneton 180*l.* To Anthony Winshoppe 16*l.* To his daughter Jaine Reede 7*l.* To his daughter Anderson 10*l.* To William Huntley, merchant, 6*l.* To Robert Whitfeild 5*l.* To George Horsley 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Christofor Todd 4*l.* To other sundrie persons 5*l.* To Thomas Erres 6*l.* 13s. 4d. *Debtes owinge to Sir Cuthbert.* Richard Brandlinge 90*l.* Alexander Lidderdaile, and another butcher, in Newcastle, 80*l.* In readie money, in the custodie of Meriall Cleasbye, 71*l.* Summa totalis 838*l.* 11s. 4d. ✠

CXX. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI CLAXTON.

Nov. 19, 1596. William Claxton,* of Wyneyard, in the countie of Durham, esquire. To be buried in the churche of Brancepeth, under, or nighe, the greate stone, where my anncestores have bene intombed. I geve the some of 200*l.*, reserved and limited in certayn articles sett down &c., betwixt me and William Blaxton, John Claxton and William Jenison, bearing date, 10 Dec., 38 Eliz., to be paid by the said William Blaxton,† and William Jenison,‡ to Cassandra Claxton,§ now wife of Lancelot Claxton, my grandchild. My will is, that if the said Cassandra departs this life, without issue, then the some of 40*l.*, shalbe paid unto William Claxton, sonne and heire of William Claxton, of Waterhowse. I geve towards the payement of my late sonne, Raphe Claxton, his debtes, 60*l.* To my sister, Ann

* William Claxton was descended from the ancient family of Claxton, of Claxton, through the house of Old Park, and represented, through Conyers, the Langtons and Lisles, ancient lords of Wyneyard. He was the son of Ralph Claxton, esq., by Elizabeth, daughter of John Hebborne, of Hardwick, esq., and married Margaret, daughter of Robert Lambert, of Owton, co. Durham, esq. William Claxton has the honourable distinction of being the first person who made any collections towards the history of the county of Durham. He was the friend and correspondent of Stowe and Camden, and supplied them with matter, connected with the county, for their works on English antiquities. He was also of much use to the heralds, who visited the county during his life-time. He was an active and useful country gentleman, both as a magistrate and as an improver of land, and was, above all, an honourable and high-minded man.

† Sir William Blakiston, of Blakiston, knt., who married his second daughter and co-heir Alice.

‡ William Jenison, of Newcastle, esq., who married his youngest daughter and co-heir Anne.

§ The daughter of Josias Lambert, of Calton, in Craven, esq., by the testator's eldest daughter and co-heir Elizabeth. She married, first, her relation Lancelot, son of Robert Claxton, of Old Park, esq., and secondly Francis Morley, of Wennington, co. Lancaster, esq., and had issue by both marriages.

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Phillipp,* 10*l.* To the aforsaid Lancelot Claxton, my signett of gold, and a brode ingraven silver seale of armes, and the pedigree of my anncestores, drawen in parchment. To everie one of my doughter's children ane angell a peace. To my doughter, Mrs. Margarete Bellacis, one angell. To Francis Greane, clerke, 20s. To my nephew, William Billingham, 20s. To Mr. Thomas Chaytor, of Beautrove, my trustie freinde, 4*l.* To my trustie freind John Richardson, of Duresme, 4*l.* To eyther of there wifes one duble duckett. The rest of my goodes &c., to Cassandra Claxton, whom I make executor, and I make Mr. Thomas Chaytor and John Richardson, supervisors. To the repairing of the high wayes at Wynyard 40s. To the porre people nigh Wynyard 40s.

Jan. 29, 1596-7. Mem. That I, William Claxton, esquire, doe give unto my loving and trustie frend, John Richardson, 10*l.*, which John Claxton, of Old Parke, is owen unto me, whiche some I therefore give to him, for that he hath and doth dailie take much paynes for me, in all my busynes and occasions. Mem. I give unto Mr. Thomas Chaytor and John Richardson all my bookes. I doe appoint James Edon, of Wynyard, my servant, my assignee, to have one lease of the tenemente of Nicholas Edon, in Redmershall, for the time of xxj yeres, after th'expiracion of a lease now in being, which lease Mr. William Blaxton, William Jenison, Lancelot Claxton and Cassandra, his wife, have covenanted to make to such as I shall appoint. To Cuthbert Burnopp, my old trustie servant, 10*l.*, towardes the reparacions of the decayed milne at Wynyard.

May 5, 1597. I will that a lease of the cotage of William Myddleton, in Redmershall, for xxj yeres, shall be made to my servant, John Scathlock. I give to my maid servant, Ann Lile, 20s. [Pr. May 14, 1597.]

CXXI. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI LAWSON.

Nov. 20, 1596. Wylliam Lawson,† of Thorp Bulmer, in the countye of Durisme, esquiere. To Francis, my sonne and heire, all my houshold stuff &c., within my house at Thorp Bulmer, except my plate, and excepte the second fetherbedd, with its furniture, wheche bedd &c., I do give to Isabell,‡ my dawghter:

* Wife of Percival Phillipp, of Brignal, co. York, gentleman.

† The third son of William Lawson, of Usworth, co. Durham, gent., by Isabel, daughter of John Hedworth, of Harraton, esq. The testator, who had been a merchant in Newcastle, married Catherine, daughter of Rowland Beadnell. The will of his son John is printed p. 183. His son Francis became a lunatic, and dying without issue, his property became ultimately vested in the Wycliffes and Middletons.

‡ The wife of Francis Wycliffe, of Preston-on-Skerne, gent.

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also I give unto Francis the tymber wood in and aboute the said house, ordeaned for buildinge. And my wood, cutt downe, in Barmstone parke, I give unto the said Francis and Thomas Myddleton,* my sonne-in-lawe, to be equallie devyded betwene them. Also I give unto Francis my farme in Hart, whiche I nowe holde of the Lord Lumeley, and all my ploughe and wayne geare, belonginge to the same, and all the wynter corne, nowe sowen uppon the saide farme. Also I give unto him my xiij greate silver spones, haveing pictures of th'apostlles, att th'endes of the same, and the silver peace, parcell gilt, wherin the same spones doe lye, and my lytle sylver cuppe, with a cover, parcell gilte, also my eldeste breadinge bay mare, my black velvitt jerkyn, with the goold buttons att the same, beynge one and twentye in number, with my beste blacke cloke, lyned with velvitt; the rest of all my apparell I give to Thomas Midleton, my sonne-in-lawe. To my saide dawghter Isabell 500*l.*, to be paide in this waye, 300*l.* by my coosen, Mr. Anthony Metcalfe, of Stanwige, in Richmondshyer, and the remainge some of 200*l.*, I will to be paied out of my leas and farme in Brignall, in Richmondshyer. To Anthony, sonne of my saide sonne-in-law Thomas Mydleton, c markes, and to Raiphe, his brother, and to Katherin, his sister, two other of the children of the saide Thomas Midleton, to either of them c markes. To William, sone of John Wicliefe,† my sonne-in-lawe, and to John, his brother, to either of them c markes. To Marye and Elizabeth, daughters of the saide Thomas Midleton, to either of them c markes. To Mary, dawghter of my said sonne-in-lawe John Wiclief, c markes. To John and Dorothie, children of the saide Thomas Midleton, and to Isabell, daughter of the saide John Wiclief, and to Francis, yongeste sonne of the saide Thomas Midleton, unto eche of them c markes, to be paide them when they come of aige, or be maryed. All which twelve hundred markes, I gyve as tokens of continuall remembrance of the harty zeale, love and affection, I beare toe th'advancement of the foresaid children. (After all these legacies are paid, out of Brignall, he entails the remainder upon his son Francis, and then upon seven sons of Francis, and upon the heirs of each in succession, and in default of such, upon the children of Thomas Middleton, John Wycliffe, and of his daughter Isabell, to be equally divided amongst them.) To my daughter, Isabell, one sylver goblytt, parcell gilte. To the said William Wicliefe one neste of sylver tunnes, parcell gilte. To the saide Anthony

* Of Seaton, co. Durham, son of Anthony Middleton, whose will is printed p. 35. He married the testator's daughter Dorothy.

† Of Thorp-on-Tees. He married Margaret Lawson.

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Midleton my sylver salte, double gilte, and the cover, one sylver bowle, and the sixe lesser sylver spones, with the knobbes at th'endes, provided that they be delivered unto his father, Thomas, to be kepte as longe as he shall lyve. To my coosen Roger, sone and heyre of my coosen Raife Lawson, of Burghe, the 10*l.* he dothe owe me. To my coosen, John Gyrlyngton, of Huton, in Richmondshyer, my lyttle rackeynge mare, which I was accustomed to ryde on. To my coosen, John Hedworthe, counseller-att-law, my sandye gray stoned stagge, of two yeres olde. To Mr. William Ridle, of Newcastell-uppon-Tyne, alderman, one angell of goulde. (To my coosen, Anthony Metcalfe, my yonge sorell mare. To Mr. William Selby, of Newcastell, alderman, my white nagge, on whiche I nowe use toe ryde, with all his furnyture.)* To Anthony Midleton the rente of 3*l.*, goinge out of Nesbytt, in the county of Durisme, which I have to me and my heires for ever, and he toe have it for his life, and then yt to goe to my sonne Francis. Wheras Bryan Downes ys to make me a leas of the thirde parte of Ould Burdon, for xxj yeres, my wyll ys, he make it to Anthony Midleton, provyded that Dorothee Midleton, my dawghter and his mother, shall have the profittes, for her life. To Lancelott Hodgshon, and William Hodgshon, of Hebborne, his brother, one angell of goulde a peece. To George Lawson, sonne of my nephewe George, late of Litle Usworthe, esquier, deceased, the 10*l.* he oweth me. To George Lawson, my brother Edmonde's sonne, 40s. To Mr. Robert Hodgshon, of Hebborne, aforesaid, and his wiefe, to eche of them an angell. To my sonne-in-law, John Wiclief, and his wiefe, and toe Thomas Midleton and his wiefe, to eche of them a spurr ryall, of 15s. To my coosen, Mrs. Elyzabeth Lawson, wief of my coosen, Mr. Raife Lawson, of Burghe, a sperr ryall. To Katherin, dawghter of the said Thomas Mydleton, my greate Danske cheste, att Seaton, wherin my apparels dothe lye. The rest of my goodes to be soulde to paye my debtes and legacies. I maike my loveinge frendes and kynsmen Raphe Lawson, of Burghe, esquier, Roger Lawson, his sonne and heire, John Gyrlyngton, of Hoton, gentleman, and Anthony Metcalfe, of Stanwige, gentleman, executors. Witnesses, Cuthbert Collingwod, William Tod, Christofer Hedworth, &c.

Apr. 2, 1597. A codicill made by the saide testator. To my sonne-in-lawe, Thomas Midleton, xij oxen, whiche ys att Harte, vij kyne, ij stottes and j bay meare. To Roger, sonne of Raphe Lawson, of Burghe, esquier, one bay mayre, of th'age of v yeres, and j colt fole; also I request the sayde Roger to tayke

* The bequests within brackets are struck out in the will.

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into hys service Anthony, sonne of Thomas Midleton, of Seton, my sonne-in-law, and use hym as a poore cossynge and servant, att his discression, whiche I hope will be well. I forgive the vicar of Harte 20s., whiche he oweth me. To Thomas Esterbie, vicar of Seham, 10s. All these gyftes bequythed, synce my cossyng Hedworth wrote the former parte of my will, I allowe and commande shalbe in as full strength and force as anye thing, by him wryttyng, in the former parte. Per me Thomas Esterbee, clr. Wytnesses, Francis Norton, John Brown.

June 9, 1597. Another codicill. I geve to John Wicliffe, sonne of John Wicliffe, of Thorp, my sonne-in-lawe, c markes more, to be paied out of Brignall, also c markes, that James Watson standeth bound to me to paye. To my cosin, William Heley, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. I geve to Mr. William Selby one spure ryall, notwithstandinge that he claymethe money of me due, to have bene payd him, for Stottefold, whiche, in truthe and consciense, I do not owe him any thinge.

Mem. That the xj day of June, 1597, the said testator did cause this his will, and all the codycills thereto annexed, to be redd, and did then acknowledge the same will &c., to be his last will, in the presence of John Robson, clerk, viccar of Harte, and John Browne.

CXXII. TESTAMENTUM PHILIPPI HALL.

May 28, 1597. Philip Hall,* of Windgait grainge, in the

* Son of Christopher Hall, of Wingate grange, by Beatrix, daughter of John Trollop, of Thornley, esq. He married Isabel, daughter and co-heir of William Shipperdson, of Bishop Wearmouth. I append the wills of his father and mother.

I. Dec. 10, 1568. "Christofer Hall, of Wyngait grang, gentyleman. To be buryed in the quere of Kellowe, nighe my mother. To my wiffe all my right &c., of my farmeholde, of Wingayt grange, where now I dwell, which I have by two leases, th'one from the queene's majistie, th'other from the layt prior and convent of the laite monasterie of Durham, for her life, then to Philope, my sone. To the said Philope 30*l.*, and to his sone Cuthbert 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Margaret Hall 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Margere Ward 13*l.* 6s. 8d. To James Ward 3*l.* 6s. 8d. I forgeve Richard Ward, his father, 3*l.* 6s. 8d., he oweth me. To Cecile Trotter 10*l.*, and more to her I geve 10*l.*, in consideracion she had not soe muche, to her marriage, as her sister Margere had. To John Trotter 3*l.* 6s. 8d., and I desire my wyffe to have the guyde government of the said John, at schole and in learning, during his nonag. To Rauff, Walter, and Helen Trotter, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. a pece. The rest to Betresse my wyffe. Mr. John Trollop, of Thornlye, and Mr. Francis Baynbrigg, of Wheatley hyll, supervisors."

II. Jan. 18, 1573-4. "Bettresse Hall, weadow, the layt wyffe of Christofer Hall, whill he leaved, of Wingat grange, gent. To my sonne Philip, and his sonne Cuthbert, all my howsehold stuffe, and implements of husbandrie, within my hall &c., the oxe stacke in the corne staggarth, and the best stacke in the parke. To Cuthbert and John Hall 5*l.* a peece. To Margaret and Bettress, ther sisters, to eache of them 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To Isabel, my sonne Philip's wife, my blacke wosset

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countye of Duresme, gentleman. To be buryed in Kellowe churche. To my sonne Cuthbart all my lease of Wingait grainge, the one moytie to come to him after the decease of my wife, to whom I give it, for her life, and he to pay to my children, Christofer, Francis, Elizabeth and Grace, to everye of them 60*l.*, in this waye, to Christofer and Francis, either of them 10*l.*, to get them bounde prentices to som good occupations, or when they shall come to the age of xvj yeares, and 50*l.* more to either of them, when they come to xxij yeares, and to Elizabeth and Grace the whole sume when they come to xviij yeares, or be maryed. To Thomas Hall, my sonne-in-lawe, the howse that William Walton dwelt in, and vj kye-gaytes, in Wingait grainge, for vij yeares, if his wife live so longe, the milke kye to go with Cuthbert's milke kye, and the geld with his geld, and pasture for xxv shepe, and one horse grasse, and towe calves; also to the said Thomas, meadowe grounde, thought by me to be worthe 26s. 8d. by the yere, to winter the said cattell. I make my said sone, Cuthbert, executor. To my cosen, James Ward, and to my sister, Cicilia Balye, to eche an angell. To Samson Leaver, and to his wife, Margaret, my daughter, to either an angell, and to everie one of ther children one yowe and one lambe. I make my good frendes, Christofer Wharton and James Ward, supervisors. [Pr. June 17, 1597.]

CXXIII. TESTAMENTUM RADULPHI BILLINGHAM.

May 18, 1597. Ralph Billingham,* of Crooke hall, within

kirtle. To my daughter, Cecilie Trotter, xx markes, to the use of her childering. To John, my said daughter's sonne, 20*l.*, over and above the v markes his grandfather left him, and to be in the custodye of my cosing, Mrs. Maude Trolloppe. To her other sones, Rauffe and Walter, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. to eache, and the same to Helene ther sister. To Margerie, Margaret, and Elizabeth Trotter, 10*l.* amonge them. To Anne Askew, my sister, of Midlam, my beste gowne, and 10s. she oweth me. To my brother, Roger Trolloppe, a younge cowe. To my cosinge, Michaell Trolloppe, two gymmers. To my sister, Margaret Trolloppe, two yowes. To my cosing, Maude Trolloppe, xx nobles. My welbeloved cosinges, Mr. Francis Baynbrig and Mr. Trolloppe, supervisors." [Pr. Jan. 11, 1575.]

* The head of a family which had been seated at Crook hall for many generations, and which descended from John, the cowherd of Billingham, who married a sister of Bishop Kellawe, The testator was the son of John Billingham by Alice, daughter of Ralph Claxton, of Wynyard, esq.; he married Elizabeth Forster. Administration of his goods was granted to Martin and Cuthbert his sons, and Anthony Hutton and Thomas Laton, their cousins, were appointed their guardians.

I append the will of his uncle. March 27, 1590. "Cuthbert Billingham, of Gilligait, within the parishe of St. Gyles, in Durham. To Raphe Billingham, of the Crooke hall, the lease of the greate meadowe feild. To William Billingham 5*l.*, to be paid him by the saide Raiph, and to his daughter, which I christened, other 5*l.*, also to be paid by Raiph. To Raiph's eldest sonne, as a token of remembrance, to him and the heirs of that howse, one goblett, double gilt, with a sylver salt, with a cover, and fyve sylver spones. To Richard Billingham and to

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the countie of Durham, gentleman. To be buryed in St. Margaret's church, in Durham. To my sonne, Francis, one silver goblett, duble guilt, one silver salt, with a cover, six silver spoones, with knoppes on the endes, one rownd mare, one corslitt, a pyke, one bill, one bowe and a sheafe of arrowes, and one counter, one longe table, two long-settles, one iron chymney, the best bedstead, in the parlour, and one fourme, one brewinge lead, one steeping lead, with all the ploughes and plough-geare, waines and waine-geare, belonginge to tenn oxen, to drawe with. To my sonne, Martin, two closes, called the Whamesles, and one close, called the round close, after the decease of his grandmother, paienge, yearelie, to his elder brother Franncis 53s. 4d., and in the meantime, to have 53s. 4d. out of one close, called Jegger's close, and also one house, att the head of Sydgate, with the garth thereunto belonginge, for his life naturall. To my sonne Cuthbert one house in Gilligaite streite, in the tenure of John Booth, and one close, called the Barker haugh, to receive the rente thereof, accordinge to the lease made to Richard Billingham, for his life natural, and then to come to his brother Franncis. To my dawghters, Mary and Katherin, one close, called the highe meadowe feild, duringe the terme of ten yeares; and in consideracion hereof, because it shall be no losse to the estaite of my wiffe Elizabeth, by a dead for half therof, made formerlie unto hir, att hir mariage, it is my will, with her concent, that my daughters shall have the said close, for their childe's porcions, and she therefore to be considered in another place. To my said wiffe my grogerane gowne, one whit maire, with foole, and two kyne, the one a hawckt, and th'other a taggt, and also the rent of both the water corne milles, in the tenure of Edward Wandlesse and Thomas Wilson, for her life naturall. To my brother, William Billingham, 10s. To my wive's mother 5s. To my cosin, Thomas Laiton, a French crowne. To my aunt Phillipp 5s. To my sister Ellinor 5s. To John Waddie, bailiff of Sadberge, 5s. To my servant, Marke Stawkeld, 2s. 6d. To my servants, Margerie Wrangham

Margaret Cooke, of Gilligaite, widowe, the lease of the Barker haugh, with the Redmyers, and the Bowers banck. To the said Margarett Cooke, and to William Murrey, curate of St. Gyles, betwene them, all the right which I have in St. Gyles church-yarde. To the said Margarett and her two daughters, Margarett and Jane Cooke, to each of them 5*l.*, and all such houshold stuffe as I have in my chamber, wherof I lie, as bedding &c. To my maid, Isabell Chipchasse, 5*l.*, the bedd she lyeth on, &c., and the porrige pott, which she daielie occupieth. To John Blenkinsopp, of Newcastell, 10s. To Annas, daughter to Mrs. Billingham, of Gilligait, 20s. To the said Richard Billingham all the lease of my house in the Markett place. To Cuthbert, sonne to Raiph Billingham, 10*l.* To the poore in Durham 3*l.* 6s. 8d. The rest to Raiph and Richard Billingham, equallie betwene them."

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and Jene Forser, 2s. 6d. a pece. To my cosin, William Billingham, sonne to Richard, 2s. 6d. To the poore, within the parishe of St Margarett, 20s. The rest to my sonnes, Martin and Cuthbert, whom I make sole executors. [Pr. June 18, 1597.]

Inv. June 15, 1597. His apperell 6*l.* 13s. 4d. Summa totalis 79*l.* 9s. 8d.

CXXIV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS WHETACRE, ALIAS BATHE.

Aug. 7, 1595. In the name of God. Amen. Forasmuche as all men be mortall, and the tyme and hower, when the Lorde will call us to accompte, uncertaine, and that the goodes of this world be lent us, to use and leave to the glory of God, and peace of our consciences in this lyffe, and to provide in healthe, that these, our temporall endowmentes, be not any vexacion or encumbrance unto us, in our sicknes, or for want of due deliberacion, in the settlinge them, be nott to the sorrowe and discomforthe of our frendes, after this our liffe ended. Therefor I, John Wetacre, alias Bathe,* of Durham, beinge now but lightly crased in body, in contemplacion of the mortalitie and incertainety of this present liff, and for the better peace of them, with whom, a greate parte of my liff, I have lived peaceably, beinge of perfect mynd and memory, and acknowledginge, with harte and handes, the manifolde blessinges of Almighty God, my only Saviour, att all tymes towardes me, and in full assurance and hope of the same, and tranquility of conscience untill the end, do, by this my last will and testament, dispose and order my goodes and livinges, in manner and forme followinge, my sowle and salvacion beinge first committed to the handes and savinge healthe of Almighty God, by and throwgh the death and passion of His deare Sonne, Jesus Christe, my only Saviour and Redeemer, protestinge and confessinge, thatt, by no other meanes, I have liked to live, butt of His support and protection, nether, after deathe, do I hope for or expect any other mediacion, but in His meritt and mercy, being the only savor of liff, and Saviour in death and after death. And that I must nedes confesse, that by the vertuus care, and painfull and duetiful regarde of Anne, my wiff, I have receved many blessinges, and that for hir consideracion, and good orderinge my house and goodes, under hir charge, God hathe given good encrease, and blessed our inde-

* I know nothing of the author of this very pleasing will, which manifests such an affectionate and just recognition of his wife's merits. The expectations of the testator were fully justified by his widow's conduct, for her sole executor was James Dale. Her will was proved April 28, 1601, then of the South Bailey, Durham; her goods were praised to 193*l.* 6s.

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vours the better, and for that I have ever founde hir, not only towardes myself very deutifull, but allso well and vertuously inclined to all my frendes and kynred, and painfull and carefull in ther orderinge and education, therfor I cannot distruste, but that in that I shall leave behind me, she will be as myndefull to use it, to the releaffe and supportance of such as she shall fynd to be vertuusly disposed, and in all thinges redy to please hir and take hir good councill and advise. And for that, by my deathe, the best parte of hir mantenance is taken away, I thincke the rest, that I shall leave, wilbe little enoughe to support hir estait, therfore, first, I give unto my said wiff the howse, whearin I nowe dwell, which I purchased of Geoffrey Tofte, together with my whole interest &c., which I have in the orchard, which I have in lease from James Barnes, late deceased, and the other howses, to my saide dwellinge howse adjoininge, helde by lease of the deane and chapter of Durham, as allso all my interest &c., of that house, called the Geald hall, with two other litle howses, adjoyninge of my dwellinge house, belonginge to the churche of St. Marie, in the Southe Bayly. In like sorte, I give unto hir all my right and stait, thatt I have in the howse, whearin Mr. Edward Hutton dwellethe, as also an other howse, in the same Southe Bayly, called Garstall howse, together with one front or garthe, lyinge on the suthe west side of the gait, called the water gait, or west gait. In like sort I give her on howse, and front or garthe, nowe in the occupacion of Mr. Symon Cominge, within the said Southe Bayly, which I purchased of Sir Henry Gaites, knight, by the name of Beamish garth; also I give hir all my interest &c., which I have, in one close, lyinge in the bancke or hill, without the citty wall, towardes the newe bridge, helde by lease of the deane and chapter of Durham, and all my estait &c., which I have, from our soveraine lady the quene, in one house, whearin Mrs. Cook now dwelleth, and of another howse, whearin dame Pennington dwelleth, and of one stable, nowe in the occupacion of Mr. Edward Hutton, together with the severall garthes to the same belonginge, also all my interest &c., in one barne, and other houses, with the backyard, taken by lease of Mr. John Billingham, and Anne, his wiff, together with all my right &c., which I have, from our soveraine lady the quene, of the harbage of Raby Parke, and the highe wood, as also all my interest &c., which I have from Sir John Selby, knight, of one tenemente or farme, in Stainetherop, laittly in the occupacion of Cuthbert Rounthwait, of the yearly rent of 32s. 2d., and also all that close, or grounde, inclosed, lyinge within grownd nighe Durham, called Bellises, which I purchased of Mr. Christofer Mayor, and also my interest &c., in a lease, from the quene, of

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one peece of medowe, lyinge in the lower parte of the Bellises aforesaid. Whearas I have had the educacion of Elizabethe Whitacre, nowe wiff to Henry Dale,* the yonger, for about tenne yeares past, and did recover, against one Allen Davie, in her right, 20*l.*, in the ecclesiasticall court att Yorke, and expended, about the recovery therof, 10*l.*, and whearas I recovered, from one Edward Davie, 22*l.*, and expended, about the same sewte, 10*l.*, I delivered unto the said Elizabeth, of the same mony, to bestow in clothe and malt, 7*l.*, and Henry Daile, hir husband, haith an obligacion for 6*l.*, my will is, that my wiff pay, as she conveniently may, unto the said Elizabeth, or hir husband, the residue of the said sumes, my charges being deducted. All the rest of my goodes I give unto my wiffe, and I make hir executrix. Witnesses, my good cosens and frendes, Henry Dale, Thomas Atkynson, and Edward Hutton. Per me Jo. Wheatacre als Bathe. [Pr. Nov. 12, 1597.]

CXXV. JOHN FARBECK,† OF DURHAM, MERCER.

INVENTORY. Nov. 21, 1597. A pare of virginalls 20s. On pare of iron barrs, with a porr, 6s. 8d. xvj silver spones, on silver pece, 5*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the shopp.* Cremising durance, xiiij yds, 4*l.* xiij yds and on quarter of Valentia grogerine 26s. xvij yds of Lyons groggerine 34s. 4d. xvj yds of purpell Lyons groggerine 32s. x yds of curse Lyons groggerine 20s. x yds of cremisine Lyons groggerine 26s. 8d. xiij yds of changeable buffine 20s. 6d. vj yds of grene buffine 9s. On peace of black ryash 38s. vij yds of chamlet groggerine 31s. 6d. xj yds and half of silke ryash 32s. iiij yds and half of thre-thread groggerine 9s. xj yds and half of black surge 25s. iiij yds and thre quarters of valure 20s. iiij yds of curse valure 16s. iiij yds of plaine valure 15s. xj yds of quissing canves 11s. xlj yds of cypresse 41s. viij yds and a quarter of French colored velvet 5*l.* 7s. iij yds of jeines velvat 54s. iij els and a half of colored taffitie 42s. On yd and half and a quarter of changeable burratt 4s. iij yds of black damasco 31s. 6d. xiij els and a half of colored sarsnet 3*l.* 15s. xxvij yds and thre quarters of colored sathan 13*l.* 10s. ij els on quarter of lokorame 2s. 8d. vij yds and thre quarters of buckeram 5s. 4d. Half on peace

* The son of James Dale, of Staindrop, co. Durham, gent., by his wife Margaret Appleby.

† John Farbeck was alderman (chief magistrate) of Durham in 1593. Administration of his goods was granted, April 8, 1598, to his wife Isabel, for the use of his children, William, Thomas, Margaret, Jane, Alice, Elizabeth, and Johanna, all under age. He was buried, at St. Nicholas, Durham, Sept. 2, 1597.

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of tuft sackcloth 18s. xlij yds and half of colored millian fusthan 5*l*. 12d. xxj yds of osburow 31s. 6d. Half on peace of holins fuschyan 17s. On peace of whit holins 34s. xvj yds of whit holins 18s. xxxvj yds of curse holins 43s. vij yds of whit buschiam 14s. viij yds of whit jeins 8s. xvij yds of grean vallane 15s. 7d. xiiij yds of greane flannell 11s. 8d. xxij yds and half of grene say 29s. 4d. ij payre of hoes 20d. viij els of browne canves 11s. 4d. xx els of round harthone 11s. x lbs of twisted fring, black, 40s. viij lbs of colored fring 36s. j lb and x ounces of mockado endes 6s. 8d. ij lbs ij oz of skeen crooles 7s. ij brydell reignes 4s. 8d. Half a doosen sticht girdels, with hingers, 18s. On dosen fringed girdels 12s. iij velvet girdels 3s. 6d. On dosen waistes 4s. lxxviij yds of velvet lace 29s. j lb of stitching silke 30s. ix oz of silk colored chyne lace 17s. ix oz of plaine silk lace 13s. 6d. xiiij oz of billament lace 19s. ix oz of Spanish silk 15s. iij oz of satan silk 6s. x oz of London silk 10s. iiij oz and a quarter of bobbing lace 6s. 4d. j oz and thre quarters of round silk 2s. v dosane and ij yds of satan twist 7s. 6d. ij oz and a quarter of courld lace 3s. v dooble large silk girthes 15d. iij pare of Franch garthes 6s. v girthels, iij payre of gartars, 14s. vj pare of Franch gartars, silk and croole, 4s. iiij doson and viij yds of pointing ribbyning and copper silk lace 6s. x yds of velvet billament 3s. 4d. xj oz of slane silk 5s. ij oz on quarter of long tawny fring 3s. iij gross of statut lace 30s. iiij doson of petticoat lace 4s. 8d. ij dosan hose lace 3s. iiij lbs and a quarter of halfpenny threed 7s. 1d. iij lbs of penny threed 8s. ij lbs of Flanders threed 4s. j gross and j doson of Norish say 15s. x pare of worsett stockinges 50s. v pare of woman's stockinges 16s. v payer of wollen stockinges 12s. 6d. iij whole peces of bowpars 33s. ij gross of wood combs 8s. v oz and a half of bone combes 2s. 9d. xiij oz of virginall wyer 9s. j oz and a half of Venus gold 8s. xxxij yds of silver and gold thread 18d. ij oz and a half and quarter of whit cullon 2s. 6d. j oz of dooble gilt 2s. 6d. Thre quarters of an ounce of Venus gold and silver 4s. j oz and a half of dooble copper 3s. 6d. xxvij payr of spectackels 4s. 9d. viij cases for spectackells 12d. j gross iij dosson of kettlinges 4s. 8d. iij dosan and on half of mynikins 5s. 3d. xiij dosan and a half of woman's thimbles 21d. j lb and a quarter of blew pother starch 2s. 1d. Half a pound of fine starch 4s. vij rolles 10d. iij oz of safferon 7s. 6d. v dosan of lether lates 20d. vij Grammers, iiij Terences, iiij Salters 12s. 6d. ix Prymmars, ix Horne-bookes, ij Salm bookes, vij Accydences, xxx A. B. Cies, 8s. xxx whit gloves 8s. ij velvat start cappes, j sattan capp, j worsett capp, 11s. vj pare of fyne

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gloves 11s. vj yds thre quarters of leven taffitie 11s. 3d. xj dosan of wroughte silk pointes 19s. xxvij dosan of threed pointes 4s. 8d. v dosan lether pointes 5s. 6d. x oz and a halfe of sister threed 18s. vj comb brushes 8d. ij dosan paper bone-graces 4s. 8d. ij Venus glasses 2s. 6d. j gross of whit nales 15s. viij thowsand brode nales 13s. 6d. iij lbs of counters 4s. iij gross iiij dosan of copper buttons 5s. iiij dosan shoe buttons 2s. 8d. ij lbs of rede wax 20d. ix thowsand and j lb and a half of black nales 7s. vj thowsand of hoockes and eies 5s. j thowsand and half of ringes for hingers 2s. j lb of Manchester threed 16d. ij lbs and a half of knitting prickes 2s. 1d. vj oz of Turky pepper 12d. v gross of silver and gold buttons 55s. xiij grosse and a half of silver and silk buttons 4*l.* 7s. v els of camericke 46s. 8d. v els of lawn 36s. xvj labandes 8s. xxij pens of quicksilver 18d. vj grosse of haire buttons 3s. xj brushes 8s. xx maine combes 16d. iij paper bokes 3s. 6d. xiiij quare of large paper, and xxiiij quare of small paper, 7s. v whit capps cornet caps 2s. 6d. ij lbs ij oz of goomb 3s. lxvj pare million bells and hackhoodes 13s. 4d. cccl Spanishe nedels 3s. 10d. iiij lbs and a quarter of turpintine 18d. iiij lbs xij oz of narvell 2s. xv lbs of gown pother 15s. x oz of whit copperas 16d. xij oz permecittie 2s. j lb of asnick 18d. vij boxes of grene ginger, and iiij boxes of triacle, 4s. iiij oz of cloves and mace 3s. 8d. iij lbs and half of grene copperas 6d. vij lbs of brimston 21d. j lb of ginger 2s. iij lbs and quarter of annot-seedes 2s. 4d. vj lbs of yallow wax 4s. 8d. xxvij gaddes of steale 16d. xv lbs of rasinges of the sonne 5s. xix lbs of currans 6s. Half a grosse of button mooles 4s. iiij lbs of baithes 8d. ij lbs of almondes 2s. 4d. j lb of turnsole 16d. ij lbs and quarter of casing glass 3s. 4d. ij lbs and quarter of galls 18d. xxxiiij skins of large parchment 17s. lxij skyns of the best parchment 20s. A dosan and half of paist paper 15d. vj dosan long buttons 2s. 6d. j facing of old budg 2s. 8d. j facing of martine 3s. 4d. j oz and a half of French flies 12d. v pintes of aqua-vitæ 3s. 6d. j sugar lofe, vij lbs xj oz, 10s. viij farkinges of Flander's sope 4*l.* iiij lbs of pepper 16s. j hundred and half a quarter of hopes 32s. xxij dosan hattes, lyned and not lyned, 33*l.* 17s. 5d. Hatt bandes 52s. Summa totalis 373*l.* 8s. 10d.

CXXVI. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI HODSHON.

Nov. 12, 1598. William Hodshon,* of the Manner house,

* Son of James Hodgson, of Newcastle, and brother of Richard Hodgson, whose will is printed p. 115. He married Jane, daughter of Sir Christopher

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in the parishinge of Lanchester. To be buryed in the quier, within my parishe churche, nye unto the place where my wyff and children dothe lye. To the repayringe and mayntenance of the parishe churche 20s., and to the reparations of the quier 10s. To the reparations of the churche and quier of the chappelles of Eshe and Meddamsleye, to eache 6s. 8d. To the poore householders of the parishinge of Lanchester, over and besyde that whiche is given on the daye of my buryall, 20s. To the poore in the parishinge of Eshe 6s. 8d. Unto mendinge of the hye wayes aboute Lanchester, and at the towne of Lanchester and the Foord, 20s. To my neece Anne, wyff to Robert Hodshon, of Hebburne, for a token, an old angell. To my nephew, Richard Hodshon, an old angell, and the same to my neace, Elzabeth Hedleye. To my cozin, James Bartram, one Frenshe crowne, and to his wife, my cozin, an old angell. To Jane Rudderforth an old angell. To my neace, Catherine Soothringe, and to her husband William, to eache a Frensh crowne, and to everie of her fower children 10s. To my cozin, Jane Hopper, one twinter whye, and to her husband Hughe one Frensh crowne. To my cozin, John Willye, 20s. To my brother-in-lawe, John Hilyeard, of Fulforthe, and to his wyff Jane, to eache a Frenshe crowne. To everie sarvante in my house, over and besyde there wages, 3s. 4d. To Lyonell Thompson, yf he be my hynde at the daye of my deathe, 6s. 8d., and in like manner, I give unto Thomas Watson, my hynd, 6s. 8d, and to William Rippon, my hynd, at Manner house, 6s. 8d. To William Watson, my servant, sixe yewes and sixe lambes, at the tyme of yeare when yewes have lambes, one twinter whye, and 40s. To my cozin, Robert Atkinson's wyff, one twinter whye, with calfe, and to her husband sixe yewes and sixe lambes. To the poore house-

Hildyard, of Winestead, co. York, knight. He was a Roman Catholic, and had been mixed up in the rebellion of the north, and he does not forget those who had been associated with him in that unhappy enterprise. Bishop Mathew, in a letter to Lord Burleigh, dated May 29, 1598, gives some curious particulars of the testator and his relations. "Within half a mile of that house (Greencroft), on this syde Lanchester, dwelleth, at the manor house, one William Hodgson, an olde servant and follower of the Earle (of Westmoreland), whose sonne, called John, is a special recusant, and is reported, but how certainely I know not, to have married this ladie (Lady Catherine Grey, daughter of the Earl of Westmoreland). This William Hodgson is a perilous fellow, conformable to her majestie's proceedings, and fermor to her highness of the whole deanery of Lanchester, dissolved, worth, as is saide, some cc markes or better, above the yerely rent. In Lanchester towne dwelleth Lancelott Hodgeson (nephew of the testator), when he is at home, but he is now in prison, for recusancie, a dangerous person, and not unlerned; who the last yere was married, as himselfe confesseth, by an olde Popish priest, but no seminarist, nor at a masse, as he allegeth, to Marie Lee, daughter to another of th'erle's chefe old servants and officers at Brancepeth, in these daies."

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holders in St. Margarete's parishe, in Durham, 6s. 8d. To my ostes, Jane Skepper, one old angell, and to Elizabeth Skepper, her doughter, one whye stirke, and to Alyce and Isabell Skepper, to either of them two yewes and two lambes. To my freind, Christofer Skepper and his wyff, to either of them one Frensh crowne. To Jane, of the Feild house, my oste's servant, one bushell of rye. To one layme Genye, my kitchinge mayde, a new coat, mayde with lyninge, and all reddye to put one her bodye, and I will, that the same layme Genye shall have 3s. 4d., as well as anye servant in my house, and I desyre my sonne John, that she may remayne aboute his house at Manner house, and John Awde withall, so longe as theye do lyve; also to my servant, Margarete Forrest, one whey stirke. To the poore fellons in Durham 10s., and to other poore prisoners, within the bushopprick of Durham, 40s. To one John Langstraffe, of Rabye, yf he be lyvinge, yf he be dead, to his children, or next of kynne, in consideration of his losses he sustayned by me, in the layte rebellyon in the northe, in the sarvice of Charles, the layte Earle of Westmarland, 30s., also I give, in like manner, unto one Henrye Newbye, or to his children, or next of kynne, yf he be dead, 20s., also, in like manner, unto Nicholas Botcharby, of Rabye lordshipp, 20s. To my verie good freind, Mr. William Smithe, of Esh, and his wyffe, yf they be lyvinge, at the daye of my deathe, to either of them an old angell. To Jane,* Mr. Henrye Lawson's youngest daughter, of Neasam, 10*l.*, to bye her a nagge. To either of my two doughters, Jane and Dorothie Hodshon, 200*l.* a peace, in full consyderation of ther childe's portion, according to a stayte mayde of my lease of the deanery of Lanchester, for that purpose, over and besyde 25*l.* a peace, which I give them in full consyderation of there partes of my household stuffe, to bye them furniture for there house, when they shall neade. To my sonne John all my armor and wapons, meate for the sarvice of his prince, and my best horse, and all my apparrell. To my doughter Jane 6*l.* 13s. 4d., to bye her a nagge with, and the same, with all the rest of her portion, to be ruled by my nephews, Mr. Robert and Mr. Lancelot Hodshon. The same I give to my doughter Dorothie, and she to be ruled by my nephew, William Hodshon, and my neace, Elizabethe Hedleye. Whereas I haithe given a newetye of 12*l.* unto Nicholas Fethersonhalughe, of Akinshaw, in the countie of Durham, gentleman, and to Marye, his wyff, who is nowe the wyff of Thomas Dickam, in Gaitsyde, and to the longer liver of them, forthe of my farme

* She afterwards married his son John, whom the bishop suspected was married to the Lady Catherine Grey.

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and lease of Hedlihope, and because I mynd that my said farme shall be discharged from the said paymente, my will is, that the said 12*l.* shall be payd forthe of my lease of the deanery of Lanchester. The rest to my sonne John, whom I make executor. To my cozin Robert, sonne to John Hildyerd, of Fulforthe, 10s. To my cozins George and Robert, sonnes to James Bartram, 10s. a peace. I ordeyne as supervisors my welbeloved in Christ, William Hilyeard, esquire, recorder of Yorke, and my nephews, Mr. Robert Hodshon, Mr. Lancelot Hodshon, William Hodshon, of Hebburne, and my cozin, Nicholas Hedleye, and to everie of them, I give an old angell, for a token.

CXXVII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI WIDRINGTONE.

August 29, 1598. Robert Wodrington,* of Wermoth, in the countie of Durham, esquier. To be buried in the parish church of Monnk Wermoth. To my wife Elizabeth the house, demayne and farmeholde, in Monnck Wermoth, for her life, (and if she cannot enjoy it, frely dischardged of all trubbles and incumbrances, my salt pannes in Cowpon shalbe charged to pay her 100*l.* yearely.) To my sonne John all my land at Chibburne, Plessey, and Shotton, and all such other lande as the intayle specifies. To my brother, Ephraim Woodrington, the parsonaige of Harteburne, my two partes thereof. To my daughter Dent the whole lease of the cole mines of Biker more, and 100*l.*, to be levied out of my cattell and goods. To her two sonnes, Henry and George Dent, the tyeth of Newton. To my servants a yeare's waiges. To my cosin, Francis Gower, my parte of the Hamberkell. To Robert Wodrington, my brother Isaack's sonne, 5*l.* The right worshipful my nephew, Mr. Henry Woodrington, and Mr. Robert Woodrington, of Haukeslie, gentleman, executors. Witnesses, Ephraim Woodrington, Matthew Randall, Lancelote Ewbanke, Nicholas Holmes, Robert Woodrington, and Parcibell Mautland. [Pr. Jan. 20, 1598-9.]

Inv. Oct. 10, 1598. *In the hall.* One carpett, j cupbord clothe, imbrodered, j cupbord, v cushins, iij buffett stooles, ij mapps, j porre, j fire shovell, j paire of toanges, j plaite candlesticke and j brushe, 16s. 8d. *In the great chamber.* One grene carpet, for a table, j grene cupbord clothe, frindged with grene,

* A member of the family of Widdrington, of Widdrington, who purchased the manor of Monk Wearmouth. He was the eldest son of Sir John Widdrington, knt., by his second marriage with Agnes Gower. He married, first, Margaret, daughter of Robert, lord Ogle, and secondly, Elizabeth, mentioned in his will. The will of his mother is printed p. 99, and that of his brother, Sir Henry Widdrington, p. 225.

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j iron chymney and ij chaires, 15s. *In the inner chamber.* One cupbord, j chaire, j grene cupbord clothe, j canopie, of yellowe taffatie, j iron chymneye, 16s. *In the privie chamber.* One old fetherbed, j bolster and j old rugge, 12s. *In Mr. John's chamber.* One bedstead, j grene stule, with valence and curteynes to the bed, 8s. *In the maides chamber.* Two old fetherbedes, ij bolsters, j old mattris, j old happing, j olde broken trunck, and j old long-settle, 12s. 8d. *In the brushinge chamber.* One bedsteade, j draweinge table, j deske, j forme, j chist and j trunck, 20s. *In the serving men's chamber.* One old fetherbed, j paire of blankittes, j rugg, j bolster, j chist, with apparell therein, ij hampers, 15s. *In th'iner parlour.* One mattris, j fetherbed, ij little bolsters, j cordinge, j bedstead, j trunck, j little square table, and j barrell, with starch, 36s. *In the forre chamber.* One counterpoynt, j matt, ij andirons, j little table and a coveringe, a read hanging for the chamber, a paire of toanges, and a fire shovell, 23s. *In the newe chamber.* Two bedsteades, j fetherbed, j bolster, j blanket, a read rugg, j flock-bed, j bolster and j blankett, 6s. 8d. *In the closet.* One truncke and j seller, with glasses, 10s. *In the lowe stable.* One bolster, and iij happins, 2s. 6d. All his apparell, and rideinge horse geare, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. *In the kitchinge.* Three boardes, iij potingers, iij spittes, j paire of toanges, j fire shovell, ij gird-irons, iij paire of pot-hookes, ij freing pans, ij dripping pans, iij copper kettles, ij brasse kettles, j warmyng pan, with a long foot, j chafing dishe, iiij little possnetes, j morter, j pestell, vj brasse candellstickes, j iron chafing-dishe, j clever, j shredding knife, j grater, and ij scummers, 20s. *Pewther.* Fyve candlestickes, vj great platters, v great pottage platters, vij platers of ane elder sort, v lesser flat dishes, j great charger, ij pie plaites, ij hand basons, ij basons, ij ewers, vj little pottage dishes, iij of a lesser sort, vj butter dishes, xxiij plait trenchers, vj potingers, ij dozen and a halfe of sawcers, iij other depe dishes, j liverey pot, j quart pot, j pinte pot, j gilt pot, j tunnell, of tynne, ij chamber potes, 3*l.* *Washing vessell.* One great bowle, j bucking tubb, j other great tubb, iiij halfe tubs, j little tubb, with eares, and iij flasketes, for clothes, 3s. 4d. *In the mylke-house.* Eighte earthen mylke bowles, v woodden mylke bowels, ij chirnes, v chesefattes, iiij skeals, j skeele, with butter, iij kittes, full of butter, j emptie kitt, ij earthen creme potes, j chesse presse, lviij cheses, and xxiij salt fishe, 3*l.* *In the bowltinge house.* One temsinge troughe, j mowldinge board, j leaven tubb, iiij sackes, and j poake, 9s. *In the brewe house.* One maskin tubb, j cole-rake, j por and iij barrells, 6s. *In the butterie.* Fyve hogseheades, and j barrell, 11s. *In the pantrie.* Three liverey potes, ij little drinking pottes, j pewther salt, ij

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basketes, iij dozen woodden trenchers, and j dozen caise trenchers, 5s. 6d. *Plaite.* One silver salt, and iiij silver bowles, 6*l.* *Lyneinge.* Twelve paire of lyneing sheates, xiij table clothes, j web of lyneinge, xj towels, vj old towels, x paire of course sheates, j fine cupboard clothe, iiij course table clothes, xj dozen table napkins, iij paire of fine pillobeares, ij old dresser clothes, iij paire of old pillobeares, 9*l.* 6s. *Cattell, at Monck Warmouthe.* Sixe oxen 16*l.* xxxiij kye, and j bull, 62*l.* 8s. xxiij calves 11*l.* 10s. ij mait oxen 4*l.* 13s. 4d. ix stotes and whies 18*l.* xxxij ewes and tupps 5*l.* 10s. ix hogges 21s. j pybald gelding 5*l.* j baie gelding 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j mylne horse 16s. 8d. j graie horse, for draweing, 20s. ij coltes, of two yeares old, 4*l.* j graie racking nagg 3*l.* 6s. 8d. ij maires and ij foules, with a stoned horse, 6*l.* iij heye stackes 12*l.* *Cattell and corne, at Washington.* Nyne oxen 19*l.* v kye 8*l.* 6s. 8d. Wheat and rie 20*l.* Oates 15*l.* The lease of Washington 100*l.* Haie waines, plewes, and plewghe geare, 8*l.* *Cattell and corne, at Plesseye.* Twentie two draught oxen 44*l.* v stottes, of ij yeares, 8*l.* 6s. 8d. xiiij yere-old sterkes 12*l.* v mait oxen 9*l.* 6s. 8d. viij kye, for fatting, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. l bowles of rye, at 6s. the bowle, 15*l.* l bowles of otes, at 3s. 4d. the bowle, 8*l.* 6s. 8d. *At Cowpon.* Three salt pans 40*l.* v oxen 7*l.* 10s. cxx thraves of rye 18*l.* x skore thraves of otes 12*l.* The half of a cole keele. Soma totalis 559*l.* 9s. 4d. ✠

CXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM CUTHBERTI FORSTER.

Sept. 12, 1587. Cuthbert Forster,* of the parish of Pontiland, in the countie of Northumberland, gentleman. To my welbeloved nephew, Michael Ogle, sonne of my late brother, Henrie Ogle, deceassed, all my ryght &c., which I have in those two messuages and farmholdes, with th'appurtenannces, in East Burnton, which I do there holde of the right worshipful Sir Cuthbert Collingwod, knight. To the said Sir Cuthbert Collingwod one stud mare, of colour bawson sored, going nowe in Langshawes. To Mr. Thomas Collingwod, son of the said Sir Cuthbert, one stag, of colour bawson sored. To my cosyn Marke, the son of Marke Ogle, of Kirkley, one quarter of all the tith corne, and sheaves of the towne of Ryall, in the parish of Stanfordham, during all such tyme as I have in the same.

* A scion of a family as numerous as his relatives the Ogles. He was probably a stray from the northern stock, among whom the name Cuthbert was not infrequent. The will of his brother-in-law, Henry Ogle, is printed p. 32. The inventory of his goods amounted to 64*l.* 2s.

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To Marie, the daughter of the forenamed Marke Ogle, senior, one browne qwhie, that is now in Caldcotes, and 40s. To Jane Ogle, syster of the said Marie, 13s. 4d. To my cosin, Marie Ogle, wife of the said Marke Ogle, senior, one foale, of colour dun, and one great Dansick chest. To my forenamed cosyn, Marke Ogle, senior, one old rial, of gold, and one yere-old fillie, of colour graie, nowe in Kirklowe. To Henrie Ogle, of Saltwik, 10*l.*, and to Jasper Ogle, brother of the same Henrie, 10s. To Thomas Ogle, their brother, 4s. To Marie, the daughter of Cuthbert Ogle, of Saltwyck, one qwhie, now in Saltwik. To my cosin, Henrie Ogle, of Kirkley, 20s. To my cosin Lancelot Ogle's wiefe 10s. To my cosyn, Robert Ogle, one ox, now in his owne custodie. To my cosyn, Cuthbert Ogle, brother of the said Robert, 40s., out of that 5*l.* his mother oweth to me, for Michael Ogle's filial portion. To William, the sonne of George Lambert, of Morpeth, 13s. 4d. To Robert Row, son of Thomas Rowe, one dynment shepe, now in Ogle. To Mawde Richardson, of Kirkley, 13s. 4d. To John Rawe's son, and to his man, betwene them eche, 2s. To the same John Rawe's mayd servant 16d. To Thomas Bankes, John Mitford, and Cuthbert Ogle, of Kirkley, to everie of them one shepe hog, being now all three with John Richards, in Milborn. To my cosine Mark Ogle's nouryce, one of the shepe gymbers, that are now in Ogle, and to everye on of his mayden servantes, that now are, 1s. a pece. To the fower children of John Rawe iiij shepe hogges. And to the same John Rawe, of Berwick hill, one stott, that is in his owne custodye, and I forgyve his wyfe the 9s., she oweth me, for wolle and other thinges. To the porest people, within Pontyland parishe, 20s. The rest of my goodes &c., to my nephew Michael Ogle, whom I make executor. Witnesses, Mark Ogle, Henrie Ogle, Cuthbert Massilgen, Robert Sharperow, John Rawe and John Hancok.

CXXIX. INVENTARIUM GEORGII WALTON.

July 15, 1587. George Walton,* of the cittie of Durham, draper. His goodes praised by Anthonie Hall and Robert Whitfeild, drapers, Henrie Fariles, mercer, and John Kinge, notarye publique. *The shopp.* Sixetene yeardes of fine pewke 11*l.* 12s.

* The first recorded member of a wealthy family of Durham drapers, mayors and aldermen of that city. The testator married Margaret, daughter of William Marley, of Seggerston heugh, par. of Witton Gilbert. He was probably a relation of Richard Walton, draper, and alderman of Durham in 1583, whose will is printed in this volume, p. 95. Administration was granted, Oct. 6, 1587, to his wife; and his sons Hugh, George and John, all minors, were committed to her guardianship.

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A pece of black pewke, conteyninge xvij yds and a half, 9*l.* 19s. 8d. x yds of black pewke 5*l.* 3s. 4d. iij yds and a half of browne blew 37s. 1d. ix yds of browne blew 4*l.* 2s. v yds of Frenche tawnie 40s. xij yds of blacke pewke 3*l.* 6s. 8d. xj yds of Yorkshire shepe color 44s. ix yds of blacke freseadowe 3*l.* iij yds and a half of French tawnye 42s. xiij yds of the same 8*l.* 2s. v yds and a half of sad coler 44s. v yds and thre quarters of sad coler 50s. 2d. iiij yds and a half of blacke pewke 24s. iiij yds and a half of pewke 18s. 8d. A yearde of pewke 8s. ij yds of shepe coler 6s. 8d. v quarters of Frenche tawnye 12s. 6d. Thre quarters of pewke 3s. 8d. ij yds of sadd coler 10s. iiij yds of chesen coler 17s. 4d. ix yds of shepe coler 42s. iij quarters of blacke pewke 7s. A yeard of tawnye freseadowe 6s. 8d. ij yds of grene pennestone 6s. ij yds and a quarter of tawnie pennestone 6s. 8d. ix yds iij quarters of grene 27s. 9d. viij yds and ¾ of blewe 3*l.* 17s. 3½d. v yds iij quarters of blewe 48s. 10½d. vij yds of the same 59s. 1d. iiij yds of the same 30s. v yds and a half of tawnie 44s. v yds iij qrs of partridge coler 46s. iij yds and a half of phesen coler 28s. ix yds of sadd coler 38s. 3d. x yds of black and grene 36s. 8d. xiij yds of freseadowe 3*l.* 18s. x yds of London russett 5*l.* xij yds and a half of sadd grene 6*l.* 5s. x yds of chamlett coler 4*l.* iij yds and a half of sadd grene 35s. iiij yds of phesen coler 33s. 4d. vij yds of French russet 3*l.* 3s. iiij yds of shepe coler 34s. Thre quarters of murrey 6s. viij yds of scarlett 3*l.* 4s. iij yds of murrey 34s. ij yds and a half of skie coler 10s. viij yds and a half of freseadowe 44s. 6d. iij yds and ¾ of freseadowe 18s. xj yds and a half of violett 6*l.* 9d. xj yds and a half of read stamell 6*l.* 6s. 6d. viij yds of stamell 3*l.* 14s. 8d. xiiij yds and a half of murrey 7*l.* 5s. ix yds and a half of violett 4*l.* 5s. 6d. vj yds and a half of violett 3*l.* 13s. 8d. v quarters of violett 9s. iij yds and a half of silke russett 29s. 9d. x yds of freseadowe 25s. xij yds of murrey 6*l.* 11s. xiij yds of the same 6*l.* 10s. xiij yds of violett 6*l.* 14s. 4d. xiiij yds of the same 6*l.* 8s. 4d. v yds of grene 45s. ij yds and a halfe of sadd color 9s. v yds of silver coler 52s. 6d. iij yds of orridge coler 3*l.* 6s. 8d. xiij yds of freseadowe 52s. A whole pece of Yorkshire klothe 44s. iiij yds and a half of Yorkshierr clothe 16s. A murrey carsey 3*l.* 3s. xx yds of tawnie base 43s. 4d. A tawnie pennestone 33s. A tawnie pennestone 46s. 8d. xx yds of blacke base 33s. 4d. viij yds and a half of phesen coler 26s. x yds of phesen coler 36s. 8d. x yds and a half of the same 29s. 1d. iiij yds of Turkie coler 10s. 8d. iiij yds of silke russett 10s. 8d. ij yds and a half of the same 8s. v yds of white gray 17s. 6d. vj yds

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of gentleman gray 17s. ix yds of grene 39s. 9d. iiij yds of maden haire 17s. 4d. vij yds and a half of maden haire coler 23s. 4d. iij yds of the same 10s. ix yds of sea water grene 39s. v yds of skie coler 11s. 8d. iiij yds and ¾ of silke russett 18s. 10½d. xij yds of the same 43s. iiij yds of sad coler 14s. 8d. ij yds iij qrs of silke russett 8s. 3d. A yeard of brode read 4s. A yeard of freseadowe coler 2s. 4d. iiij yds of grene cheke 6s. viij yds of freer gray 26s. 8d. xj yds and a half of the same 31s. 2d. vij yds of the same 21s. iiij yds and a half of milke and water 9s. xv yds of cheke, yallowe and grene, 22s. 6d. x yds of yallowe cotten 10s. x yds and a half of Flanders dye carsey 31s. A whole pece of carsay 3*l*. iiij yds of blacke carsay 18s. viij yds and a half of bla carsay 33s. vij yds and a half of blacke carsay 30s. ij yds and a half of the same 9s. 4d. x yds of violett carsay 50s. iij yds and a half of tawnie carsey 11s. 8d. v yds of grene carsey 15s. x yds of stamell carsey 33s. 4d. ix yds and a half of ashe coler carsey 38s. ij yds of white carsey 6s. iiij yds of silver colered carsey 14s. vj yds and a half of Yorkshire grene carsey 9s. 9d. viij yds and a half of orridge coler carsey 28s. 4d. ix yds and a half of yallowe carsey 25s. 4d. j yd and a half af ash coler carsey 4s. v yds and a half of silver coler carsey 20s. 2d. A whole pece of the same 40s. ix yds of white carsey 9s. vij yds and a half of skie coler carsey 11s. 3d. iiij yds of phesen coler carsey 6s. 8d. iij yds of skie coler carsey 5s. j yd of stamell coler carsey 3s. 4d. xiiij yds of blacke freese 9s. 3d. xxiiij yds of blacke base 32s. ix yds of the same 18s. vij yds of stamell base 14s. vj yds of grene base 10s. xij yds of silver coler base 24s. viij yds of white freese 3s. 8d. xxx yds of gray freese 12s. 6d. lxviij yds of white cotten 22s. 8d. xxiiij yds of blacke cotten 8s. xiiij yds of yallowe cotten 4s. 8d. viij yds of blacke cotten 2s. 8d. xv yds of blacke freise 10s. xviij pare of women's hose 13s. 6d. vj pare of men's stokins 6s. *In the hall howse.* An yron chimney, j pare of tonges, with th'appurtenances, 13s. 4d. A table and vj stoles 10s. iij long settelles and ij chares, all old ones, 5s. ij cobbardes 36s. 8d. viij latten candelstickes 8s. v saltes, of pewder, 3s. iij lavers 2s. 6d. ij pinte pootes, a quart pott and a pottell pott, 3s. ix pece of pewter 10s. ij laten basinges 3s. 4d. iiij dublers and iiij dishes 6s. vj pottin-dishes and vj sawcers 2s. vij brasse pottes and a posnett 20s. v quishions 12d. ij fedderbeddes, ij mattresses, vj happens, j oversea coveringe, vj coodes and bolsters and ij pare of blankettes, 40s. j table 2s. 6d. vj pare of shetes and vj cod pillowes 16s. A truckell bedde 2s. A bedstede 5s. A table, in the lower chamber, 8s. A table, in the kitchin, 3s. 4d.

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iij old chistes 2s. iij panes, j yetlinge and a fryinge panne, 4s. A sworde, a stele capp and an halbart, 6s. 8d. v silver spones 22s. All his apparell 26s. 8d. One pece of lyninge huswyfe clothe, conteyninge xl yds, 20s. *Cattell.* One stagg and j meare 3*l.* 6s. 8d. A fillie, of two yeares old, 13s. 4d. ij kine 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j blacke meare 3*l.* A lease of one tenemente, for xj yeares to come, the rent whereof is 13s. 4d. yereley. Summe of all the goodes 297*l.* 2s. 10d. *Debtes.** Mr. Leonarde Paler 54s. 5d. Mr. George Middleton 4*l.* 14s. Mr. John Trowlopp 11s. 10d. Mr. Rowland Hagthropp 10s. 6d. Mr Jarratt Salven 3*l.* Mr. John Saltinstall 45s. 6d. Mr. Thomas Gaskinge 56s. 2d. Mr. John Eden 20s. Mr. John Lokwoode 6s. 9d. Mr. Oswan Carr 23s. 10d. Mr. John Marshell 12s. Mr. Raiphe Carr 30s. 5d. Mr. Anthonie Knighton 3*l.* 4s. 6d. Mr. Robert Bowes 7*l.* 9s. 4d. Mr. Trustrame Fenwicke 49s. 9d. Mrs. Margaret, of Langley hall, 6s. 4d. Mr. John Pilkington 5*l.* 10s. 8d. Mr. Henrie Heighington 10s. Mr. Jarard Salvyn, junior, 3*l.* 7s. 5d. Mr. John Welberie 6s. 1d. Mr. Doctor Pilkington 15*l.* 17s. 8d. Mrs. Millote 36s. Mr. Phillip Welberie 51s. Mrs. Margaret, of Langley hall, 44s. 10d. Mr. George Scrowpe 4*l.* 2s. 5d. Mr. Jarrett Salven, senior, 6*l.* 6s. 9d. Mr. Francis Caye 15s. Mr. Marmaduke Myers 6s. Mr. John Lokwoode 43s. 6d. Thomas Gower and Nicholas Gower 5*l.* 6s. 8d. Mr. William Hodgeson 38s. 9d. Mr. Raiphe Bowes 6*l.* Mr. Adame Hallidaie 8*l.* 12s. 6d. Mr. William Grinwell 3*l.* 8s. 2d. Mrs. Whittingham 14s. 6d. Mr. Thomas Gower 8*l.* Thomas Dalivell 3*l.* 1s. 2d. Summe of the debtes 357*l.* 10s. 6d. Summe of all 654*l.* 13s. 4d. ✠

CXXX. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI JACKSON.

Oct. 9, 1587. Henrye Jackson, of Smelthouse, in the parish of Witton-uppon-Weire, in the countye of Durham, yeoman. My bodye to be buryed in the church of Witton. To Elizabeth, my wiffe, all my copyehold lands, wherin I have any estate, duringe her life naturall, with such portion of my goods, as the law will allowe unto hir. To John, my eldest boye, all my farme at Sonnyside. To Thomas,† my second boye, all my

* The names of a very small part of his debtors is given; they were in all 542 in number.

† One of the greatest divines the Church of England numbers among her members. He was born on St. Thomas' day, 1579, and went to Queen's college, Oxford, in 1595; he became scholar of Corpus Christi college in 1596, and probationary fellow in 1606. He was for some years vicar of Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

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lands, that I have in Ferrye-on-the-hill. To Robert, my youngest boye, all my copyehold lands, wich I have in Wolsingham and Wolsingham feilds, wich I purchased of Anthonye Vasey, to enter unto the same, after the death of his mother; for which purpose, I commande that my sonne John shall make him surrender, after the death of his mother, or else, if my said sonne John shall refuse thus to doe, then I give to my said sonne Robert the thirde part of Sonnyside. And if it please God, that my said sonne John be dead, before his said mother, my will is, that then my sonne Thomas, in whome the state is, shall make suche surrender, as his said brother John was appointed to doe. Whereas I have annewitye, of Percevell Vasey, of 8*l.* by yeare, for xvj years yett to come, out of all his grounds of Ladlye and Hencroft lees, with as stronge securytye, for the payment therof, as is needfull, I geve the said annewitye to my three daughters, viz., to Agnes, Margaret, and Jane Jackson. I geve to my brother, John Jackson, a house, and a crofte, adjoyning to it, in Wolsingham, which house John Wheatlye dwelleth in, painge unto Elizabeth, my wife, 13s. 4d. yearlye, duringe hir lyfe, and then after hir life, to pay the said some, to my sonne Robert. And if it be, that my said wiffe and sonnes will not suffer him to have it, then my said brother shall have, out of my goods, 8*l.* payed him. To my brother, Richard Jackson, 4*l.* To my sister Isabell, at the expiration of there lease, if they be thankfull for it, and doe peaceably goe away, at the end thereof, 6*l.* 13s. 4d., but if they make anye debate, my will is, that they shall have nothinge. I geve to everye one of my servants one ewe and a lambe. To Witton church 6s. 8d. To Robert Wilkinson, curatt of the same, 20s. To the poore folke, everye one 1d. All the rest of my goodes &c., to my wiffe Elizabeth, and my sex children, whom I make myne executors, also I make Thomas Crags and Martyn Jackson, supervisors, and I geve to either of them a French crowne, trustinge they will accept the minde of the gever more then the gifte, straitly charginge and commandinge all my said children, even for my blessinge, that they wilbe ordered and ruled by them, in all things. Witnesses, Thomas Craggs, William Lawe, Martyne Jackson, Robert Wilkinson.

and was preferred, among other benefices, to a stall at Winchester, and to the deanery of Peterborough. He was for many years president of Corpus Christi college, where he died, Sept. 11, 1640, and was interred in the college chapel. He was a man of great learning and of a blameless life, respected and loved by all, who came into relationship with him, and living without enmity, except from some of the puritan party, to whose views he was opposed. He has left many theological writings, and his Commentary on the Apostles' Creed may take rank among the first of English theological works. An edition of his writings was published at the Oxford University press, in 1844, in 12 vols.

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CXXXI. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI CLAXTON.

Sep. 22, 1587. Robert Claxton,* of the Olde Parke. My bodye to be buryed in St. John's porch, in the parishe churche

* The head of the family of Claxton, of Old Park, a branch of the ancient house of Claxton, of Claxton. The testator had been attainted for his share in the rising of the north, but had preserved both his life and estates, and the same good fortune attended his distant kinsman, Robert Claxton, of Burnhall, who was equally engaged in the same rebellion. The testator was the son of Robert Claxton, esq., by Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Wandesford, of Kirklington, co. York, esq.; he married Alice, sister and co-heir of Marmaduke Lambton, of Belsis, esq. His mother's will was made May 15, and proved May 29, 1579. "Elsabethe Claxton, of the Old Park, par. of St. Andrew Auckland, wedowe. To be buried in my parishe churche, near my husbande's grave. To Thomas, my sone Robert's sone, an old ryall of golde, to make him a ringe, and one of my beste sylver spones, and my gretest brasse potte. To Thomas Gillam, my doughter Margaret's sone, 20s. To Isabell Bee, my doughter, a fetherbedd, a keverlett, and a boulster, whiche she hath alredie, and one freese cassock and clothe knitte. To her thre children 5s. a pece, to be bestowed at the discrecion of Mr. Anthonye Wren. To Elysabeth, the wife of Roger Johnson, one fyne shete. To Anne Claxton a pare of fyne shetes. To John Claxton 20s. To William, Mary and Adinell Claxton 6s. 8d. a pece. To Margaret Bone 6s. 8d. To the poore man's boxe 2s. To Sir Robson, the curat at St. Andrewe's, 2s. 6d. To Mr. Anthonye Wren 6s. 8d., and I make him supervisor. To Francis Claxton, my beste fetherbedd, and boulster, with an oversea coveringe &c. The rest to Robert Claxton, my sone, and Francis Claxton, whom I make executors."

I add the will of Roger Claxton, one of the Burnhall family, which was made Jan. 3, and proved March 21, 1571-2. "Roger Claxton, of the cytie of Durham, gent. To my brother, Robert Claxton, clarke, my howse &c., in whiche I nowe dwell, in the barrony of Elvett, for life, and then to come to my brother John, and his heires, and for default of such, to Anthonye, sonne of William Claxton, late of the Burnehall. To my brother John xx markes. To my brother Richard, and his heires, my howse, or burgage &c., in Elvett, now in the tenure of John Hyndemers, and for default of such, to Gerrard, sonne to William Claxton, afornamed, then to Robert Claxton, of Burnhall, esq., and then to the right heires of the said Richard, my brother; and I also give unto him the lease of the Stroderr howse and feildes, on condition, that he paye, yearelie, unto my brother John 40s., and to my sister Jane Wardell 20s., and to Ann Lasynbye 26s. 8d. To Annes, daughter to my said sister Jane Wardell, 3*l*. To Thomas Wardell 3s. 4d. To Richard Wardell 13s. 4d. To Christofer Wardell a freize jackett and dublett, and 3s. 4d. To Richard Harle, and to my cosyng Jane, his wife, to either 10s., and to everie one of ther children 3s. 4d. To James Lasenbie 10s., and to his wiffe a cowe, and to everie one of Anne Lasenbie's children 3s. 4d. To everie one of my sister Elizabeth Hall's children a French crowne. To Katherine Selbie 6s. 8d. To Christofer Selbie, and his two sisters, to everie of them 6s. 8d. To Mr. John Hedworthe, esq., and his wiffe, one old ryall to eche. To my aunte Bettres Watson 10s. To my brother Sir Robert Claxton, clarke, all my right in St. Edmondes, in Gateside. To my cosyng Raufe, son to Mr. John Hedworth, my beste hatte, and my bruch that ys of yt. To Margerie Hedworth, whom I helped to christen, an old angell. To my cosyng Anne Perkynson two olde ryalls, and a silver pece. To my cosing Harrie Perkynson 33s. 4d., whiche he is owinge me, for a horse, and an old ryall. To Elyzabeth Perkinson my beste brasse potte, and if she dye, then Ellinor Perkynson to have it. I wyll that Elizabeth Lawson shall give, of suche debtes as she oweth me, to Anthonye Tomleson 10s., to Anne Tomleson 10s., and to everie other of her children 3s. 4d., to her sister Margaret Ogle 10s., and I forgive her the reste, to pray for me. To Cuthbert and Ellinor

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of St. Andrew Aukland, as neare my ancesters as maye be. I geve all my estate, title &c., in all my landes, in Preston-upon-Skerne, Knitchley, Grenecroft, West Morton and West hall, and all my other landes, unto John Claxton,* myne eldest sonne, and to the heires male of his bodye, and for defaulte of suche, to my sonne Launcelott, then to my sonne William, and then to the right heires of the said John, myne eldeste sonne. I will that my sonnes, Launcelott and William, shall have that moitie of the West hall, now in the tenure of John Hopper, and the anncient rents of th'other moitie, to them, duringe ther lyves, provided that they shall not lett nor sett ther said moitie to any stranger, but the one to the other, or els to their brother John. I geve all my estate in the Olde Parke and Bishop's close unto Alice, my wiffe, during her lyfe, and if she dye, before my interest determyned, I will, that it come to my sonne John, provyded that my daughters, Franncis, Anne, Marye and Adelin, and everie one of them be answered c markes, out of my said lease of the Bishop's close, in full payment of ther childe's portion. To my daughter, Elizabeth Towers, my flekt cowe. To William Johnson, her sonne, one branded white stirk, at the Olde Parke. To my sonne, Thomas Towers, my yonger baye fillye, one yere old, that which went in the cares. To my daughter, Margaret Bone, one French crowne. To Thomas, John and Margarett Bone, her children, to everye one of them an English crowne. To my wyfe Alice my baye meare, and my best cowe, unbequethed. To my brother, John Eden, one French crown. To my cosen, John Eden, my baye fole, that ys of the mare I bought of Richard Brasse. To my cosen, Johne Taylboies, one French crowne. To my cosens, William and Ralfe Eden, and everie one of ther systers, to everie one of them 5s. To my cosen, Thomas Gylham, 10s. To Cuthbert Towers 2s. 6d. To Thomas Wright, my man, one whole yeare's wage, and to everie one of my servants 12d. To my cosen, Launcelott Skelton, my gray filly, which Mudd didd geve me. To my sonne John my greysald horse. To my cosen, Elizabeth Wren, one old angell. To my cosen, Marye Wren, an English crowne. To Phillipp Blaxton one oxe stirke, eyther a blacke or

Perkynson an angell a pece. To my brothers Robert and Richard my lease of th'end of the Burnhall. To Alexander Fetherstonhalghe 20s. To everie of William Claxton, of the Burnhall, his children, 4*l.*, that is, Anthonye, Gerrett, Katherine, Ellinor, and Margaret. To the poore 40s. To my cosyng Anne Claxton 40s. I forgive my cosyng Robert Claxton 40s., which he oweth me, and I give his wife 10s. To my brothers Richard and John Claxton, to eche a horse. The rest to Robert Claxton, clarke, and Richard Claxtone, my brethren, and I make them my executores."

* Afterwards Sir John Claxton, of Nettlesworth, co. Durham, knight; he married Mary, daughter of Anthony Wren, of Binchester, esq.

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a hawkt. To Sir Christopher Wandisford an angell. To my cosen, Christofer Wandisford, one French crowne. To the poore folk of St. Andrew Aukland parishe 20s. To the poore of Aykliffe parishe 10s. I requier Sir Christofer, and my cosen Christofer Wandisford, his uncle, with my sonne Towers, to be supervisors. The rest to my wife Alice, whom I make executor.

Inv. Oct. 9, 1587. His apparell 13*l.* 6s. 8d. *In the hall at Ricknell.* Twentie fower pece of puther, xij plates of puder, x sasers and iiij puder pottes, 20s. iij silver spones 12s. *At Old Parke.* Two cottes of plate and ij stell cappes 20s. Some totall 146*l.* 7s. 6d. In debtes 145*l.* *The expences for the funerall.* For blacke cloth 4*l.* 18s. To the porre, at his burrall, 3*l.* For vij bushells of wheate 30s. vij bushells of malt 10s. In gease, pigges and pullen, 30s. In beaf and mutton 50s. In spice 20s. In wild foule 10s. In wyne and vynegar 10s. j bushell of salte 2s.

CXXXII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CARRE.

Sep. 2, 1587. John Carre,* of the towne of Newcastle-uppon-Tyne, and of the parishe of Saint Nicolas, marchante.

* One of a numerous and wealthy family of Newcastle merchants. He was the son of William Carr, of Newcastle and Cocken, whose will is printed, *Wills and Inventories*, vol. i. p. 382, by his wife Joan, daughter of John Trollope, of Thornley, co. Durham, esq. He married Catherine Ellison, and his great grandson Ralph Carr, who bought Cocken of his relation Francis Carr, was ancestor of the Carrs of that place. I take this opportunity of recording some testamentary notes of his family, which make many additions to the pedigree printed by Mr. Surtees.

The will of his grandmother, the wife of Ralph Carr, mayor of Newcastle 1532, was proved Dec. 16, 1578. "Isabel Frankelyn, wedowe, laite wif unto Mr. John Frankelyn, of Cocken, co. Durham, gent. To be buried at the east end, within St. Nicholas church, Newcastle, where my two firste husbandes, Mr. Raphe Carre, and Mr. John Hiltone, was buryed. To my sonne Edward Carre, and his heires, my house at the corner of the Sandhill, nowe in the tenor of my sonne-in-lawe, William Jennisone, and for defaulte of him and his heires, then to my sonnes Oswald and James Carre, in succession, and then to my daughter Barbara Jennysone. To my saide sonne James my house in the east side of Lorborne, on the Sandhill, which I bought of William Dent, alderman, and his sonne William. To my said sonne Oswald my house in the Broade chare. To my said thre sonnes all my lease, title &c., in the mannor or lordshipe of Newton, otherwise called Archedeck Newton. And my will ys, that they shall paye, oute of the saide lease, 6*l.* 6s. 8d., for sixe yeares, that ys to saye, 3*l.* to Thomas, sonne of Barbara Jennysone, and 3*l.* 6s. 8d. to Raphe, sonne to my sonne, Oswald Carre, for fyndinge them at scole, or other ther advancemente. To my sonnes, Edward and James, my lease &c., in Bruntofte teythes. To my sonne Edward my beste sylver salte, with a cover, my beste neste of goblettes, doble gylted, xiij sylver spones, whereof one ys gylted, one litle table salte, and one sylver pott, lacking a cover. To my sonne James the sylver salte, without the cover, which ys fellowe to that salte which I have given to Edward, one neste of goblettes, with a cover, parcel gylted, one dozen of sylver spones, and one sylver pott, with a cover, fellowe to that I

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To be buryed in the churche of St. Nicolas. To my welbeloved wyffe Katherine, the house wherin I nowe dwell, as also the annuall rent of 10s., due unto me, out of the house of Rauffe Coxe, for her life. Also I geve unto my wife all my other houses, in Newcastle and Gateshed, and all quite and oute rentes, duringe the space of vj yeres, and after the expiration of the saide terme, then to come to my yonger sonnes, James and William, in full satisfaction of ther filiall portions. To my sonne Rauffe the aforesaid house, and rent of 10s., after the death of his mother, and also 20*l.*, to be paied him at the age of xxj yeres. To my daughter Isabell 40*l.*, to be paid her at the

have given to Edward. To my sonne Oswald my lowe sylver salte, without a cover, two sylver goblettes, doble gylted, with a cover, having the picter of St. Katherin uppon yt, one sylver potte, and 100*l.* To my sonne-in-law, William Jennysone, two sylver saltes, with a cover, parcel gyltted, and to his wief one silver potte, with a cover, and 100*l.* To my children, Edward, James, Oswald, and Barbara, all my naperies and lynnen geare. To my cosyn, Mr. Richard Frankelyn, of York, my sylver cuppe, for malmesie, with the cover therof, doble gylted. To Raphe, sonne to my sonne Edward, my best standinge cuppe, of sylver, with a cover, doble gylted. To Cuthbert Hunter and Raphe Jennisone, to each an angell. To my aunte Thomlingsone a cowe, with a calfe at her fote. To my cosen Thomas Gower, and to his wief, to my cosen John Carre, to William Carre, and to Edward, sone to my sone William Carre, to everie of them an angell. To everie of my sonne William's daughters an angell. To my cosens, John Tod, Mr. Henry Anderson, and Mr. Thomas Calverley, to everie of them an angell. To Thomas Calverley's wief, and to his daughter Barbara, to everie of them an angell. To my cosen Robert Mytford an angell, and to his wief 3*l.* To my cosen William Riddell an angell, and to his wief 3*l.* To my nephew John Baxster a cowe. To Christofer Morpeth iiij angells. The rest to Edward and James, my sonnes, whom I make executores, wyllyng them, and eyther of them, for my blessinge, to agre in peace, lawe and unetye, as brethren, and eyther of them neyther to covett or desyer more than ys to them given. Mr. Richard Frankelyn, of York, Mr. Thomas Calverley, and William Jennisone, I make supervisors."

The will of the testator's uncle, James Carr, merchant, of Newcastle, is dated Dec. 7, 1592. He desires burial in St. Nicholas church, as near to his mother, Mrs. Isabel Franklyng, as may be. To his sone-in-law, Mr. Henry Mytford, "my maste that hangethe in the haule, and my best counter. To my daughter Barbara, his wief, my sylver cupe, with the cover, parcel gilte, and my cypres cheste. To my daughter, Jane Gascoyne, my napperie cheste." His wife Alice executor, and his trusty friends, Henry Mytford, alderman, his son-in-law, and Oswold Mytford, merchant, his brother-in-law, supervisors.

His widow's will is dated May 31, 1596. Alice Carre, then of Newcastle, widow. She desires to be buried in St. Nicholas church, as near her late husband, Edmunde Parkinson, as may be. "To Barbara Mytford, daughter of my daughter, one silver pott, with a cover, parcell guilte, and to my daughter, Jane Gascoigne, one steepe-leade, the standinge pulke in the hall, a painted chiste, and a steele chiste. To Anne Mitford a greate coffer, standinge on a frame, in Christopher Mitford's chamber, with sett worke." Her daughter, Barbara Mitford, is spoken of as dead. She gives Henry Mitford, son of her daughter Barbara, a deske. "Whear I have seaven silver spoones, in pawne to John Lyons, I will, that they be loosed, and I give one of them, being a pope spoone, guilted, to my doughter, Jaine Gascoigne, th'other sixe, to Anne, Alice, Barbara, Elizabethe, and Marye Mitford, to eche one, and th'other to Barbara, daughter of Thomas Liddell. To James, sonne of Oswald Carr, 40s." Jane Gascoigne executor, and Matthew Chapman and John Lyons, supervisors.

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age of xviij yeres, or att the daye of her mariage. To my daughters, Margaret and Jane, to eche of them 30*l.*, in like manner. All my children to be in the custodye of my wyffe, untyll suche tyme as they shalbe capable of ther portions. I forgeve unto my mother Carre the 5*l.* she oweth me. To my brother, Edward Carre,* 10*l.*, and my best gowne, garded with velvett. To everie one of my sisters one angell. To my man, John Champelaye, one angell. To John Stobbes one angell. To everie of my three women servantes 6s. 8d. My trustye and welbeloved frendes, Robert Eden, Mathewe Matfin, Raufe Coxe and William Huntlaye, I desire to be supervisors, and to everie one of them I geve a Frenche crowne. The reste of my goodes &c., to Katherine my wyffe, whom I make executrix. [Pr. Oct. 10, 1587.]

Inv. Sep. 25, 1587. One loukinge glasse 2s. 4d. Two perye panes, and j posnet coupe, 18d. On pouder dishe, for eges, 4d. On case of bottels 6s. One close stole 6s. One other close stole 12d. *His apperrell.* One fyne hatte 6s. A gowne, garded with velvett, 3*l.* One satten dublette 40s. A paire of britches 13s. 4d. One cloke 40s. One pare of garnesay stockins 6s. One gowne 20s. ij clokes 26s. 8d. A blacke doublet, of reshe, 13s. 4d. A payre of britches 6s. 8d. *Plaite.* One silver salt, double gilt, 4*l.* 5s. 4d. Two gobletes 8*l.* xiij spones 3*l.* 12s. *Wayres.* Two laste and iiij barrells of tarr 6*l.* iiij barrels great bind 36s. ij laste and viij barrels pitche 8*l.*

* His will is dated Sep. 28, 1587. "Edwarde Carre, of this towne of Newcastell-uppone-Tyne, merchannte. To be buryed in St. Nycholas churche, as nighe my brother as possible cane be. To William Carr, my brother John's youngest sonne, a house in the Midle streate, now in the tenure of Thomas Edone, cordiner. To James, my said brother's seconde sonne, one out-rente of a house, now in the tenure of Rowland Hedlye, payinge 10s. a yeare, also the annuell out-rente of a house in Westgate, now in the tenure of Jesper Faralles, which paies 6s. by yeare, also my blacke clothe gowne, garded aboute the necke with lace. To Raphe, my said brother's eldest sonne, the brod-clothe gowne, garded with velvet, which my said brother John did geve unto me by legacy, my blacke mourninge cloke, a sylke grogery doublett, and a paire of sylke grogery britches. To Jane Carre, my said brother's youngest daughter, 10*l.*, to be paid to her, at her mother's discretione, the which 10*l.* my brother John did geve me, and in default of the said Jane, to redounde unto Isabel, my brother's eldest daughter. To Margaret, my brother's midle daughter, 10*l.* To the said Isabel v markes. To Margaret Blunte, and to Alse, Annas and Gracye Carre, 40s. a pece. To Margery Patteson thre angels. To my sister, Isabel Edone, one angell. To Raphe Hebborne 3*l.* To my brother, Robert Edone, my deske, that is in the fore chamber. To John Champneye a Frenche crowne, and my white dublett, that I nowe weare, also a paire of blake pintle grogery britches, and a paire of read britches. To everie one of my sister Kathren's maydes a Frenche crowne a peace. To my sister, Gracy Carre, a Dansike chiste. To my nurse 10s. To Elinor Lylle 10s., and I clearly acquite Barbarye Ellisone of all thinges whatsoever betwixt hir and me. I make my sister Kathren Carre executor, and my brother Robert Edone and Marke Blunte supervisers."

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v lastes Danske lynte, at 24*l.*, 120*l.* lxx endes of yrone, one tune, 11*l.* xx bowels of rye 6*l.* Two thousand and a halfe code fishe, at 40s., 5*l.* ccc linges, at 3*l.*, 9*l.* A great Bible booke 20s. A ship, with hir bot, takell, and all thinges belonging, the shipe's name is the Chanswell, 80*l.* Debtes owinge to him 189*l.* 4s. Doubtfull debtes 29*l.* 2s. 6d. The whole some is 468*l.* 8s. 4d.

CXXXIII. JULIAN MITFORD,* OF PONTELAND, WIDOW.

INVENTORY. Oct. 16, 1587. One new-calved cow, and iiij other kyen, that ar with calf, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. ij old kien, and j qwhy, that is with calf, 51s. x of the best oxen 16*l.* 13s. 4d. ix lesser oxen 11*l.* 5s. One bay horse, j gray mere, and j sored mare, at 26s. 8d. a pece, 4*l.* A yong mare and her colt 33s. 4d. One bawsond stag 26s. 8d. vj qwhies 5*l.* 8s. ij little bulles 26s. 8d. v stirkes 46s. 8d. One other stirk 9s. 4d. iiij kien, without calves, 4*l.* 6s. 8d. xij kie, with ther calves, 17*l.* 8s. l bowls of wheat 17*l.* xlvj bowles of otes 9*l.* 4s. vij bowls of biere 56s. xx yeawes, old and decayed, with x dynments and gimbers, 3*l.* 15s. xvj shepe hogs 26s. 8d. v old fetherbeds, with ther bolsters, sore wasted and decayed, 40s. ix pair of blankets, some good, some verie bad, 23s. xviij coverlets, old and worne, 40s. One tapestrie covering 20s. One carpet clothe 5s. iiij pillowes 2s. v pillobieres 5s. iij pare of old worn harden shetes 4s. vij pare of old lynen sheates, worn, 13s. 4d. vj bord clothes 10s. xiij old pewter platers 12s. v pewter doblars 2s. 6d. vij plate trenchers 2s. 4d. iiij sawcers 12d. iij potingers 18d. ij pewter basons, and j eawer, 3s. 4d. ij chargers 4s. ij pottel pots 3s. ij quart pots 20d. j pint pot 4d. iiij candilstickes, of bras and pewter, 18d. One great caudron 33s. 4d. ij littel old caudrons, wasted, 12d. ij brasen basons 7s. ij old kettels, with hoales, 4s. iiij bras pots, broken and whole, 20s. One little olde pan 16d. iiij yren chimneys 36s. ij rackes 4s. ij spetes or broches 6s. 8d. ij fier crokes 2s. j joynted table, with a frame, 6s. 8d. Another framed table 3s. 4d. ij counter tables 8s. j yron chaffer 12d. ij almeries or cupbords 20s. Another old almery 8s. v bedsteads 20s. v chestes 22s. j coffer 3s. j great bord or plank 12d. iij hurle beds 2s. iiij skeales

* The widow of Anthony Mitford, of Ponteland, co. Northumberland, esq. His will, which is dated July 18, 1572, is printed in *Wills and Inventories*, vol. i., p. 373. She was a daughter of Alexander Heron, of Meldon, esq. The Mitfords of Ponteland were descended from the old stock of Mitford, of Mitford, through Alexander de Mitford, a younger son of Sir John de Mitford, of Mitford, who died July 16, 1409.

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16d. j brasen mortar, with a pestil, 12d. The tobs, kyrnes, stands, dishes, formes, chaires, stoles and other lumbar, 4s. xij firr deales 5s. The waynes, plowes, harowes, yockes, solmes, sockes and culters, with ther furnyture, and other tooles and instrumentes of husbandrie, 40s. j beehyve 2s. viij smal silver spones 21s. 4d. j litel silver pott, with a cover, 20s. Her wearing apparell 6*l.* 13s. 4d. Summa 142*l.* 3s. 6d. *Debtes by hir due.* To Antony Morpath 55*l.* To the same Antony, as appeareth by his booke of accomptes, 16*l.* 9d. To Richard Read 13*l.* 6s. 8d. More to him 8*l.* 9s. 2d. To Ralph Romayn, tanner, 23*l.* To Thomas Gilbert 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Robert Mitford, merchant, 9*l.* To Robert Anderson 5*l.* To Henrie Shevil 40s. To Robert Cutter, for linte, 16s. To Christofer Morpeth 40s. To wydow Sothern 25s. To Sir John Forster, knight, for xx yeawes, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Oswyn Mitford, for an ox and a mare, 5*l.* To Cuthbert Rosden 21s. To Jesper Gofton, for money lente, 4*l.* To Richard Hancok, vicar of Pontyland, for tithes and duties, 17s. To George Car, sadler, 4*l.* 8s. 3d. To Edward Charlton 5*l.* To William Rey, of Pontiland, for money lent to hir husband, 13s. 4d. To Margerie, Marie, Margarit and Helenoure Mitford, the daughters of Antony Mitford, for their filial portions, of theyr said father's goodes, 93*l.* 4s. 8d. Summa debitorum 263*l.* 8s. 6d. ✠

CXXXIV. TESTAMENTUM GEORGII WHITFEILDE.

Oct. 27, 1587. George Whitfeilde,* of the towne of Newcastell-upon-Tyne, marchannt. To be buried in the churche of St. Nicholas, in the place where my father lyeth buried. To the poore of Newcastell 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To Isabell, my wyf, the house wherin I nowe dwell, for hir lyfe, and after her deathe, I give it to my sonne William, and the heires of his bodie, and in defaulte of suche, to Dorathye, my daughter, then to Barbara, my daughter, and then to my righte heires. To my sonne Henrie, and the heires of his bodie, my two howses in Barwicke, and one howse in Newcastell, in a streate called the Syde, and in defaulte of such heirs, to William, my sonne, then to Dorathye, then to Barbara, and then to my righte heires, provided that my wyfe have the yearlie rent of the said houses, until my sonne Henrie come to xxj yeres. To my mother Jenet Butler, for her

* The testator married Isabel, daughter of William Selby, merchant, sheriff of Newcastle 1564, mayor 1573, by Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Gerard Fenwick, of Newcastle, who married Isabel, daughter of James Lawson, of Newcastle, and Nesham abbey.

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lyfe, one quite-rente of 16s., issuinge oute of one howse, in Pilgrim streate, now in the tenure of my said mother, and after her deathe, to my sister Alice Toplif, and after the deathe of my said mother and sister, I give the same to Thomas Toplif, sonne of my sister Alice. I will that my wyfe shall have, to her owne use, all the profitt &c., whiche shall yearlie come and growe of all the cooles, which shalbe gotten in the pittes, which I houlde by lease, from Mr. Henrie Anderson and Mr. William Selbie, my father-in-lawe, until my sonne William come to xxj yeres of age, and after that, my wyfe to have a third part of the cole leases, paying to my daughters, on the daye of ther mariage, 40*l.* a pece. To my wyfe Isabell 500*l.* To my fouer children, Henrie, William, Dorothy and Barbara, 1000*l.*, to be devided equallie amongest them. And if my goodes amount to above 1500*l.*, then the surplus to be devided into three partes, the one to go to my wyfe, and the other two partes amonge my said children. To my mother, Jenet Butler, 4*l.* yearlie, for her lyfe. To my sister, Alice Toplif, 40s. To her fower children, Thomas, Anne, Alice and Elizabeth, to everie of them 3*l.* 6s. 8d., to be paid them when they come to xxj yeres. To my sister, Margaret Fisher, 5*l.* To my sister, Rebecca Ringall, 4*l.* To my brother Nicholas what he oweth me, and to his sonne (*blank*) 20*l.*, towardes the helpinge of him to a master, and if my brother Nicholas have but one daughter, I geve her 6*l.* 13s. 4d., and if he have two, I will the said sume be devided betwene them. To Franncis Hawll 40s. To Michael Milborne, and Elizabeth, his wife, to eyther of them an old angell. To Alice Butler, my brother Butler's daughter, an angell. To my uncle George Selbie a Frenche crowne, and to everie one of his daughters a crowne, of 5s. To my brother Butler, and his wife, to Robarte Wilkinson and to Mr. John Baxter, to everie of them an old angell. To my father-in-lawe, Mr. William Selbie, and unto my mother-in-lawe, his wife, to eche of them an old ryall, and to everye one of their children a French crowne. To my cosin Mr. John Fenwicke,* sonne to Mr. William Fenwicke, of Wallington, in the countie of Northumberland, esquier, one ould angell. To Mrs. Barker one Frenche crowne, for a token. To Robarte Whitfeilde, of Durham, and to his wife, one ould anngel a pece. To Christofer Errington and his wyfe, to eyther of them a crowne, of 5s. The residue of my goodes &c., to Isabell, my wyfe, whom I make executrix. I make supervisors, my verie good frendes Mr.

* Afterwards Sir John Fenwick, knight and baronet, son of Sir William Fenwick, knight, by his first wife, Grace, daughter and co-heir of Sir John Forster, knight. Sir William married to his second wife Margaret, daughter of William Selby, and sister of the testator's wife.

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Edwarde Lewen, mayor of the forsaide towne of Newcastell, my cosin Mr. William Fenwicke, and my brother-in-law Mr. George Selbie, and to everie of them I geve 40s. Witnesses, William Fenwicke, Mychaell Mylborne, John Baxter, William Warmouth.

CXXXV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ FORSTER, JUNIORIS.

Sep. 2, 1587. Thomas Forster,* the yonger, of Ederstone. I make my wyffe, Isabell,† and my sonne, Mathewe Forster, my full executors, and I bequeathe my sonne Mathewe unto my father, to use according to his good discretions. I geve unto the said Mathew, Bednall towre, the profytt whereof shall come unto my wife, untyll it please God to send him of lawful age. I geve unto my wife my new houses in Ederstone, duringe her lyfe, and to geve unto which childe she please, att her deses. I geve unto her my farmett of Lyonn, and all the comodytyes therunto belonginge. My purchas land in Luckar, of 10s., I bequeith unto my sonne Mathew, and allso 10s. purchas, in Kyllam. All my moveable goodes I geve unto my wife, for the bringinge up of my children, and allso my tythe of Luckar, and Luckar hall, with corne and hay. And all my insight goodes, and my chistes and cofferes, and all my gunnes, dages, bowes and swordes, I bequeathe unto my wife, and my sonne Mathew, to use as they thinke good. All my apperell to Mathew, to use upon himselfe, or his brethren and sisters. I give unto him a ringe, with a rubye in it, and a perse of blewe silke, with the goulde therin, and a bruche of goulde, with the gentellwoman's visage. I geve unto my wife all the rest of my ringes whatsoever, with a sillver belltt, and a tablett of goulde. Allso my braselette, of spurre ryalls, I bequeathe unto my wyfe and children, to be dellt among them, parte and portyon lyke, and all that is in the same box, I bequeath unto my wyfe. The debtes that I do owe, is to Raffe Humbell 4*l.*, and unto Mr. Stanton, of Barwik,

* The eldest son of Thomas Forster, of Adderstone, esq., whose will is printed in this volume, p. 164. He married Isabel, daughter of John Brewster, of Lucker, and died, at the age of twenty-eight, during his father's lifetime.

† His widow, then styled of the Midhall of Etherston, made her will July 14, 1619. She desires to be buried in the "quere of Balmbrough churche, withe my husband, and some of my children, there already. My son John Forster sole executor. To my daughter Phillis 8*l.* To my daughter Susan 8*l.*, and to my sonne Nicholas Forster 10*l.* To my daughter Margaret 12*l.* To my son William's son, Thomas Forster, 10*l.*, and to his brother John 7*l.* To my daughter Florence Clarke, and her daughter Elspeth, 3*l.* To my sisters, Margaret and Agnes, 3*l.* My cousin Anna Eddone. To Peter Forster's daughter Jean 10s. To Katherine, my daughter Phillis' daughter, 10s."

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for a pece, 26s. 8d., whereof I have paid 10s. The debtes dewe unto me are as followethe; by the lorde of Fowbery 32*l.*, my ladye Selbye, for her sonne, 10*l.*, Cutberd Lyell, of Horneden in the Marsh, 5*l.*, Bartell Wolfe, in the Marsh, 50s., Mr. George Barrett, of Barwick, 20s., Mr. Crane hath promised me 20s. for Perrye, and 20s. for Revell, Robert Prince, of Barwick, 40s., Mr. William Wodrington, of Wodrington, brother to Mr. governor of Barwick, 5*l.*, Harrye Brousle, of Newcastell, maryner, 20*l.* 10s., Thomas Hopton 3*l.* 13s. 6d., and his sonne, Harrye Hopton, 4*l.* 14s. 6d., Mr. Olde owethe me in monye 40s., Jordye Lamme, of Owchester, 40s. 8d. Witnesses, John Lyell, Thomas Forster, of Warneforde, Jemye Saunderson, George Lame. Per me Francys Vicars. [Pr. Nov. 17, 1587.]

Inv. Nov. 1, 1587. *In the howes in Luckar.* Sixe kettells 18s. vj brasse pottes, greate and smâwle, 30s. v brasse candellstikes 2s. 6d. j morter and pestell 16d. ij brewinge cawdrons, and one att Ederstone, 3*l.* ij pottell pottes, ij quarte pottes, and ij pinte pottes, 5s. xij peweter platters 12s. vij peweter dishes, owlde, 3s. 6d. viij owlde sawsers 2s. 8d. vj plate trenchers 2s. ij smawle cubberdes 20s. j tabell borde, and the forme, and j cubberd, 2s. 6d. ij chestes 10s. ij bedstedes, with the furnyture, 26s. 8d. j large settell 3s. xij sillver spoones, and ij spones given to John, 3*l.* 12s. ij spyttes and j payre of rackes 3s. 4d. iij befe toobes, j maskinge toob, j gille fatt, j worte stand, iiij lienge barrells, iij lyttell standinge barrells, 8s. ij crookes and ij drippinge panes 3s. vj cushinges and ij carpettes 14s. *In the chamber in Ederstone hall, the testator's apparell.* Thre owlde dublettes 20s. iij payre of venetyans, one of them lether, 20s. iij clokes 7*l.* j payre blewe stokinges, and j of rede, 6s. 7d. j payre of venetyans, and j dublett, of black vellvett, 4*l.* j blewe cote 6s. 8d. j jerkyn, garded with blewe vellvett, 10s. j owlde satten jackett, with vellvett, 13s. 4d. j sillver belte 3s. j shirtt, wroughte with blewe silk and sillver, 22s. j box of jewells 21*l.* 11s. xviij bookes, one and other, and j Bybell, 20s. iiij Danske chestes, and j desk, 17s. j fetherbed 10s. iij owlde cubberds, and j presser, 30s. j owlde chayre 12d. v swordes, and ij daggers, 33s. 4d. vj bowes, and iij quyvers, 12s. viij gunnes 4*l.* j flask and toch-box, of horne, 2s. j jacke, and stelle cap, a privie cote, and a payre of plate sleves, 40s. iij speares, and j lannce staffe, 4s. ij vellvete caps 13s. 4d. ij saddelles 12s. *In one of the upper chambers.* One fyrre chest 13s. 4d. xij coveringes 24s. j carpete and j coverlete 26s. 8d. xij payre blankettes, of white, 2*l.* 8s. xx payre of shetes, lynnyn and strekinges, 2*l.* ij borde clothes 4s. xij napkyns 3s. iij cod-pillowes 4s. vj cushins 4s. *Cattell.* Fower

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kyne and caulves, in Luckar, 4*l.* iij kyne, in Oulchester, and a whie, 3*l.* 10s. iiij kyne, ij whies, and j stote, in the Newland, and ij caulves, 5*l.* 6s. 8d. xxj yewes, and xiiij hoges, of the children, 3*l.* 14s. viij gimers, of her owne, 16s. xl yewes, of her owne, 6*l.* xviij hoges 18s. ij owlde meres, and j horse, 5*l.* ij stages and phillys, of a yonger age, 4*l.* iiij swyne 20s. The lease of Luckar tythe is, for iij yeares, 24*l.* One score threve of wheate, x threve of beare, and xij threve of otes, of the corne, in Luckar, 2*l.* 15s. Of the corne in Bedenall, l threve of wheate, xvj threve of beare, and xvj threve of otes, and of pease and beanes, xvj threve, 6*l.* 9s. Summa totalis 144*l.* 14s. 10d. *Debtes dewe to the testator.* Roger Fowberye 32*l.* Cuthbert Lyell, of Hornden, 5*l.* The ladye Selbye 10*l.* Mr. Wodrington 5*l.* George Barrett 20s. Robert Prince 40s. Revell and Mr. Perrye 40s. Barte Wolfe 50s. Robert Cutberd, of Sunderland, 3*l.* 10s. Richerd Thewe 15s. Summa 63*l.* 15s. Summa totalis of the holle inventorie 208*l.* 9s. 10d. *The debtes, omitted and left foorth of the testament, awing be Mr. Thomas Forster, younger, of Ederstonn.* To Cuthbert Taylor, for a bole of wheat, 20s. To Hary Fallowfeald, of Newcastell, 11s. To William Gray, in Alnwick, for lyme, 6s. 8d. To Davye, of Belforde, 20s. To Symon Grahame, of Newcastell, 7s. To Johnne Dodes, in Beadnell, for salt, 18s. To the smyth, in Luckar, 14s. To Raphe Humbell 5*l.* 7s. To the workmen, that buylded the hous in Edderstonn, 16*l.* To James Forster 20s. To Thomas Forster, in Luckar, 28s. To Thomas Hall, in Budell, 5s. To Jhonne Gibsonn 10s. To Martenne Ellot 10s. To my woman servandes 20s. To the glasynner, in Alnwick, 4*l.* To Mr. Nicholas Forster 40s. To Rychard Read 20s. ✠

CXXXVI. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI MUSCHAMPE.

Dec. 13, 1585. Robert Muschampe,* of Gathericke, gentleman. My bodie to be buryed in the parishe church of Lowicke,†

* A member of the family of Barmore, descended from the Muschampes, barons of Wooller. The testator was, probably, a grandson of Edward Muschampe, of Barmore, esq., by his wife, a daughter of Sir Roger Grey, of Horton, knight, and possibly a son of Robert Muschampe, mentioned in the will of Jennet Muschaunce, 1549, which is printed in *Wills and Inventories*, vol. i., p. 126.

† The will of a humble member of the family, from the same parish, will not be uninteresting to the reader. Feb. 29, 1592-3. "Katherine Muschance, wedewe, in the town of Bowsdon. My body to be buryed in the parishe churche of Lawick. I maik my tow sonnes, Thomas and Cuthbert Hall, my full and holl executores. To my yonger sonne, Cuthbert Hall, on chest, and a coffer, a poot, a kettill, a bedsted, with the clothes therto belonging, a tornd chyre, with a crok upon the fyre. To my sonne Robart Muschance eldest daughter, Elsabeth Mus-

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within the queare, in the verie same place besydes my wife. I make my eldest sonne John my sole executor, of this house of Gathericke, with the lorde's consente, with all implementes thereto belonginge, as corne, meddowes, ploughes and harrowes, short waine and long waine, as I doe nowe enjoye it, with x oxen, thereto belonginge, with the seade to be sowne in the grounde, and after the seade sowne, the remainder of the corne, in the yearde, to be devyded to my thre daughters, by even porcions, with the sheape and the rest of the cattle. To my seconde sonne Edwarde my lease in Lowicke. I leave my eldest sonne John and my sonne Edward, with their porcions, to my cosinge Mr. George Muschampe,* esquier, and Mr. Thomas Swinnoe,† and they to have the tuicion of them, and their porcions, for xxj yeares, and to keep them at schole, as they shall see cause. I leave my daughter Elizabeth to my cosinge Mr. George Muschampe's wif, with her porcion; my second daughter Isabell to my cosinge Mr. Thomas Swinnoe's wyf, and my yongest daughter Margerie to my brother-in-lawe Mr. Kerswelle's‡ wife, in Holdernes. Witnesses, Mr. George Muschampe, esquier, Robert Watson, minister, David Blakelocke, William Muschampe, Robert Raidon. [Pr. Nov. 18, 1587.]

Inv. Ten oxen, iiij nobles a pece, 12*l.* 6s. 8d. viij kye 8*l.* Two oxen 53s. 4d. Fower yonge stirkes 26s. 8d. So many shepe in number 15*l.* *Corne.* In wheate, xx bowells, 8*l.* Ottes, xxx bowells, 4*l.* Beare, v bowells, 20s. *Implementes.* Fetherbeddes, iij paire of blanketes, the best fetherbedde, and furniture belonginge, 26s. 8d. The other two bedes, withe ther furniture, for servantes, 13s. 4d. A kettle, a pan, a pote, at 3s. a pece, 9s. An almerie 10s. Two chistes 5s. One bord, j chaire, and j longe forme, ij lowe stooles and a side table, 5s. One long waine, ij shorte waines, 30s. Summa totalis 58*l.* 5s. 8d. ✠

chance, the whyt cowe. To my sonn Robart Muschance eldest sone, George, the chyre, the bed, and the bord, and 3s. 4d., that was left to him by Margret Jackson. One long whaine, and one short wayne, my thyrdes to be tayken out theis perseles, I geve to my two sonnes, Thomas and Cuthbert, and the rest to be devyded amonge my sonn Robart Muschance children, by even porsyons. I geve all my thred of my corn, both of the ground, and sowen in the ground, to my sonnes Thomas and Cuthbert."

Inv. On lood of whet, sowen on the ground, at 7s. the bowll, 14s. Ottes, sowen on the ground, v boles, at 3s. the bowll, 15s. x peckes of bear, sown, 3s. An old chest 16d. A crok 12d. A kettell pan 2s. On old broken chere 6d. On bedstead, with the bedclothes, 2s. 6d. On old broken poot 16d. The thredes of one long whain and a short 2s. 8d. Som 43s. 4d. ✠

* George Muschampe, of Barmore, esq.; he married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Selby, of Twisill, knight.

† Thomas Swinhoe, of Goswick, co. Durham, esq.

‡ George Cresswell, of Nunkelling, in Holderness, esq., son of Percival Cresswell, of Cresswell, co. Northumberland. He married, to his second wife, Ann, sister of Thomas Swinhoe.

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CXXXVII. TESTAMENTUM ELIZABETHÆ KIRKHOUSE.

Jan. 2, 1586-7. Elizabeth Kirkhouse,* of Church Merington, within the countye of Durisme, widowe. My bodye to be buryed in the church of Kirke Merington, at myne owen stalle end. To the poore of the said parishe 20s. To the poore of Bushop Wermothe 10s., and to the poore of St. Nicholas, in Durisme, 10s. To Mr. Thomas Chaitor, of Durhame, the iron chymney in the halle house. To Mr. Christofer Chaitor, esquier, one flatte silver peece, to have the use of duringe his life, and after his decease, to go to Mr. Thomas Chaitor, his sonne. To Mrs. Elizabeth Whitfeld, daughter to Mr. Christofer Chaitor, one silver girdell, which I have in pawne, for 40s., and she to kepe the same, for a remembrance, untill the some of 40s. be paid by the owner. To Christofer Chaitor, sonne unto Mr. Christofer Chaitor, esquier, 10s. To my cosyne Thomas Briskoe, of St. Helen Aikland, and his children, v markes. To his daughter Alice one irone chimney, in the hye chamber, and also a cupbord, or almery, standing in myne owne bedchamber, and one Flannders chiste, in the hye chamber. To Jane Chilton, one of my husbande's daughters, one grete yetlinge pan, and a grete brasse potte, and the midle almerye, in the haule, and a silver girdle, and a payre of silver crokes, and one fetherbed, with all the furniture thereof, beinge the eastmoste bed, next to the windowe, in the hye chamber. To Jane Kirkhouse, my husbande's daughter the innermoste almorye, in the haulle, and one fetherbed, with bedstockes, and all the furniture thereof, standing in the westmost chamber, and the best counter, that is in the same chamber. To Elizabeth, daughter to Miles White, of Durisme, one yetlinge fishe panne, of brasse, and a lattyne basyne. To Thomasyne, daughter to Lyonell Martyne, of Durhame, one lattyne basone, and ij lattyne candlestickes. To Jane Rasyne one flatte chiste, in myne owne chamber, and one coffer, that wantes the bandes, and one silver girdle, to have the use of duringe her life, and the same girdle, after her decease, to remayne to the heires of Dalstone hall, in Cumberland, out of whense I came, as an arelome. To the said Jane Rasyne, Jane Chiltone and Jane Kirkhouse xij pound of heckled lyne, unsponne, to be devided amongst them. To the said Jane Chiltone my beste gowne, and my worsett kirtell. To Jane Rasyne my chambell kirtell, and one gowne, of Yorkshire clothe.

* This wealthy widow was the second wife of William Kirkhouse, of Merrington, co. Durham, whose will, made Oct. 27, 1570, was proved March 27, 1574. He leaves all to his wife Elizabeth, desiring her to be as good to his children, as she will be to her own. She did not disappoint his desires.

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To Jane Kirkhouse my violett gowne. To Isabell Kirkhouse, my husbande's sister, a whye. To Allice Tailer one stotterell. To Elizabeth Tailer, my god-daughter, one almerye, in the buttrye. To Robert Kirkhouse all my arkes, in my low parleare, my steepe leade, my brewe leade, masking fatte and the tapstone, also I give unto him all my title &c., and tearme of yeares, of my fermeholde in Ferye-on-the-Hill, and all waynes &c., belonginge to the same. To the said Robert, and to Thomas Briskoe, joyntly, all my interest, and tearme of yeares, of my water corne mylne, of Kirk Meringtone. To Fredsmonde Burton a brasen morter, and a newe playtter. To Mr. Richard Appleton's wyfe one lattyne bason, and ane ewer. To Margerye Willye, daughter to Raphe Willye, late of Houghton-in-the-side, one dyaper tableclothe. To Mr. George Lawson, esquier, one silver goblett,* and to his sonne, Mr. Thomas Lawson, one angell. To George Lawson, of the Southe Sheles, 7*l.* To Peter Sympsone and Edward Perkin, my two servantes, 3s. 4d. each. I doe forgyve all suche reckninges as are betwixt Mrs. Burton and me, if God take me to his mercye, to hir and hir daughter Fredsmonde Burton. To the worshipfull Mr. Tobie Mathewe, deane of Duresme, one spurre ryall, and to Mrs. Mathewe, his bedfellowe, a rose noble. To Jane Kirkhouse a brasse potte, the gretest but one in the kitchinge. To Jenet Wilsone thre yeardes of white, to make hir a cote. To Robert Kirkhouse all my title &c., of my house, wherin I now dwell. To Lyonnell Martyne, of Durhame, and his wif, either of them a silver spoone. To Isabel Kirkhouse, of Durham, widow, one coate clothe, conteyninge foure yeardes of white. To Brigett, wif of John Browne, of Durham, one bushell of wheate. To Anthony Chiltone, his eldest sonne, one cowe, and I requier Thomas Chilton, of Houghton-in-the-Springe, to take the keepinge of the saide cowe, to the use of Anthony, his said sonne, untill he come to lawfull age. The residewe of all my goodes &c., to Mr. George Lawson, esquier, whom I make executor, requiringe him, that if William Moore, my daughter's sonne, behave himselfe honestly and dewtifully, in his apprentishippe, to give unto him all the goodes &c., that come to him by vertu of his executorship, and if the said William Moore shall behave himself disorderly, without hope of amendment, to the discontent of my most speciall frend, Mr. George Lawson, I will then, that the said goodes &c., be distributed at Mr. Lawson's discretion, amongst the children of Thomas Briskoe, viz., Robert, Alice and Dorothe Briskoe, and Jane Rasyne, Jane Chilton and Jane Kirkhouse, my husbande's children. The worshipfull

* This silver goblet, and William Moore, mentioned below, occur again in the will of George Lawson, which is printed in this volume, p. 322.

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Mr. Christofer Chaitor, esquier, and Mr. Thomas Chaitor, his sonne, I make supervisors, and I give to the said Christofer Chaitor, for his paynes taking, one angell. [Pr. Dec. 5, 1587.]

Inv. Jan. 9, 1586-7. *In the halle house.* Sex chaffendishes 5s. vj grete chargers, of pewder, 14s. vij basones, of pewder, with v ewers, wherof ij broken, 20s. xx pewder dublers 33s. 4d. xiij pottengers 6s. iij sawssers 12d. xix pewder pottes 26s. 8d. xviij candlestickes 18s. Other ij candlestickes 2s. xiij pewder saltes 4s. viij brasse pottes 26s. 8d. One grete brasse potte 13s. 4d. ij yetlinges, of brasse, 25s. j other yetlinge, of brasse, 8s. 4d. ij latten basons 5s. ij other latten basons, with ane old one, 5s. ij litell bottells, of pewder, 2s. ij tables, with frames, with ij carpett clothes, belonging unto them, and j chaire, with furmes, 20s. ij longe buffett stooles, with ij short ones, 2s. One coffer 2s. One gret morter 3s. 4d. One raken crooke, with one payer of tonges, and a porre, 3s. 4d. j iron chemney 26s. 8d. ij almeryes 46s. 8d. One other almerye 13s. 4d. iij beife fleikes 12s. ij boordes, with certayne paynted clothes, 4s. Two sowes, and ij litell shottes, 17s. iij geese, with a gander, 3s. ij brasse morters 8s. Tallowe 2s. Hay, in the barne, 20s. iiij seckes 2s. *In the lowe parler.* Two bedstedes, j fetherbedd, ij blanketes, iij coverletes, j wyndow-clothe, j happinge, with j bolster, 20s. iij lynnen shetes, iiij coverletes, ij paire of blanketes, with j fether codde, 22s. One litell almery, and j pressor, 20s. vj chistes 23s. 4d. iiij old shetes, ij payre of lynen shetes, ij codd peliberes, 9s. 4d. xiij payre of lynnen shetes 26s. vj codd peliberes 3s. 4d. ij straken shetes 4d. iiij tabellclothes, and j lynn towell, 7s. j dyaper tableclothe 7s. ij tableclothes, with iij lynn towells, 3s. Table napkins 2s. *In the buttrye.* One almerye, with ij grete tubbes, for brewing, iij litell firkinges, and iiij standes, 16s. xj straikes of iron, for bynding a payre of wheles, 11s. j heckle, ij payre of woolle cardes, and vj hookes, 2s. viij stone pottes, and j pott, with a cover, 3s. 4d. j candle caise, j kitte, j grete bowell, iij aile cuppes, j litle kitte, with j grete tre charger, 6s. 8d. vj glasses, with ij boordes, 18d. ij baken fleickes 6s. ij bill staffes 8d. j brassen morter, j basket, j bushell, j maund, and iij skuttells, 20d. j sythe, j bill, ij chistes, 2s. j table, with a frame, 16d. j gavelocke 12d. *In the litle buttrye.* Eighte pewder playters 10s. 4d. One other pewder playter 20d. iiij pewder dishes 2s. iiij pottengers, and x sawssers, 5s. ij fryinge panes, j crooke, with j hoope, for a kettle, a salt pie, ij wooden bottles, j meale, with wooden dishes, j kneding bowell, with iij little bordes, and j brasse potte, 3s. 8d. iij brassen lavers 12d. *In the kitchinge.* A brew leade, maske fatte, and a tapstone, 40s. j cawelle, with j

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borde, and ij treistes, 16d. ij grete cawdrens, a litell kettel, j litell possnett, with j pann, 12s. One other litle kettle, with a possnett, 5s. j iron brandrithe, j cresset, j sey, j bucket, with ij skeles, and j kitte, vj skeepes, j payre of tonges, 3s. 4d. j grete potte, and j panne, 9s. *In the outer garner.* Two arkes, or gardners, for laying corne, 40s. vij peises of woode 10s. vij tubbes, j tun, for corne, and j braike, 3s. vj spetes, ij payre of rackes, 20s. *In the kyllne.* One steep leede 26s. 8d. ij paire of longe wayne blaides 10s. xj longe bordes, and ij shorte bordes, 8s. j axletre 8d. j spyninge whele 16d. xiij furmes, with tristes belonging unto them, 4s. j kilne haire 3s. 4d. j brake, with a bed, 2s. Wood in the garthe 12d. *In the barne.* Two boordes, with j grete swalle, 5s. ij sydes for a ladder, iiij furmes, with tristes, iij swalls, with j litle bord, for a table, 20d. ij swalles 2s. *In the litell stable.* One sarvantes bedd, iij happinges, a payre of shetes, with iij coddes, 6s. 8d. iij swalles 3s. *In the eastmost hye chamber.* Two oversea coveringes, j other covering, ij paire of blankettes, j paire of lynn shetes, with j fetherbedd, ij bolsters, and j pelibere, 3*l.* One the middle bedd, j fetherbedd, j payre of blanketes, j payre of shetes, ij bolsteres, j pelibere, ij coverlettes, with j oversea coveringe, 46s. 8d. One the third bedd, j oversea coveringe, with j other coveringe, j paire of blankettes, j paire of lynn shetes, j bolster, and a pelibere, 23s. 4d. One the fourthe bedd, j oversea covering, with j other coveringe, a pair of shetes, a paire of blankettes, j fetherbedd, with a bolster, 26s. 8d. iij carpen-clothes, j table, with a frame, j counter, iij formes, 40s, j grete Flanders chiste 8s. j other grete chiste, with a litell cheste, 8s. 8d. Newe cushinges 12s. Old cushinges 10s. j chaire 2s. iiij chamber pottes, of pewder, with j paire of tables, 7s. j iron chemney, with a poore, 4s. *In the westmost hye chamber.* One countere 3s. One other counter 2s. One fetherbedd, with one oversea coveringe, j paire of blankettes, j paire of shetes, with j bolster, 16s. One the second bedd, j fetherbed, a mattresse, a paire of blanketes, ij old coverliddes, and j old bolster, 20s. One the third bed, j fetherbed, with an oversea coveringe, j other coverled, a paire of blankettes, a paire of shetes, with a bolster, 23s. 4d. One chaire of ease 2s. One the fourthe bed, j mattresse, a paire of blanketes, j bolster, j old coverled, with j oversea coveringe, ij formes, with a long bord, 13s. 4d. One her bed, wher she lay, j fetherbedd, j mattresse, iij lynn shetes, ij straken shettes, a paire of blankettes, j bolster, iiij coddes, j oversea coveringe, and ij mattelles, 53s. 4d. Twelve lbs of heckled lyntt 12s. iiij yds lynninge clothe 3s. 4d. xiiij yds woollen clothe 12s. v yds of white woollen clothe 4s. xxv yds of straikens 13s. j gowne, with a

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worsett kirtell, 4*l.* j other chambell kirtell 20s. j other froke 13s. Her owen lyninge apparell, iij old kercheffes, and ij railes, 4s. A silke hatte, with a cappe, 10s. *Plaite and other silver geare.* One standing goblett, with j flatte peece, 6*l.* xix silver spoones 2*l.* 16s. ij other silver spoones 6s. A paire of silver crookes, gilt, 5s. ij silver girdles 23s. One other girdle 7s. A litell coffer 2s.

Ferry one the hill. Eight oxen 22*l.* vij kyne 12*l.* 6s. 8d. A cowe 33s. 4d. j stotterell 15s. j whye 15s. ij other stirkes 30s. All kind of corne 20*l.* Hay 3*l.* xxxj sheepe 4*l.* Waynes, plowes, somes, 26s. 8d. ij maires 40s. All the household stuffe 20s. Swyne 20s. Wheate, sowen one the ground, 13*l.* Summa totalis 164*l.* 13s. 4d. ✠

CXXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM RADULPHI HEDWORTH.

Dec. 13, 1587. Raiphe Hedworthe,* of Pockerley, within the countie of Durham, gentleman. My bodye to be buryed in my parishe churche of Chester, so nighe unto the tombe of Sir Raiphe Hedworthe, knighte, as conveniencie will permitt. Whereas I have made a deed of gift, of all my goodes &c., to my welbeloved sonne Christofer Hedworthe, for causes in the said deede specified, I am unable to make any will, or to dispose of any of my goodes &c., to anie the rest of my children, or other my frendes; neverthelesse my sonne is well contented, and to me, at the writinge of these presentes, hathe faithfullie promised, in respect of my fatherlie love, and bountifull dealinge, and franknes towardes him, that I shall have free libertie to dispose of suche of the said goodes &c., to anie of the rest of my children &c., as shall not amount unto 100*l.* In respecte wherof, I geve to the poore of the parishe of Chester 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my lovinge brother Mr. Anthonie Welburie, of Castle Eden, one riall. To my sonne-in-lawe William Toode, of Epledon, a riall. To my brothers, Anthonie, Robert, Thomas and Adrian Hedworth, 10s. a pece. To my daughter Margerie's two children, Michaell and John Porter, to ether of them 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my daughter Blaxton's three youngest children, Thomas, Ane and Isabell Blaxton, to everie of them 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my daughter Franncis Blaxton, wedow, all the tithe haie of Seham and Seton, for the terme of x yeares, next after my decease, duringe her wedowhoode, and yf she marie, then it shall go to Raphe

* Son of Richard Hedworth, gentleman, of a younger branch of Hedworth, of Harraton, by Mary, daughter and heir of Alexander Newton, of Pokerley. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Simon Welbury, of Castle Eden, gentleman, and widow of John Todd, of Eppleden. He was buried Dec. 22, 1587.

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Blaxton, her eldest sonne, and my good-sonne. To everie one of my servantes, both men and women, one quarter's waiges. And for the avoidinge of all strife and contention, that may happen, betwene my sonne Christofer and my sonne-in-lawe Leonarde Porter, I doe sett downe as followeth. First, I notifie unto the worlde, that whereas my sonne-in-lawe Leonarde Porter was to have, with his wiffe, my daughter, 100*l.*, for her porcion, whereof I have paied him alreadie, in parcells, as followeth, 50*l.* at one tyme, and 6*l.* at an other time, 32s. 4d. for halfe a dozen of silver spoones, and for a milke cowe *(blank)*, and 20s. sent unto him by my servant John Weetsled, all which sumes amounte to 60*l.* and odde money, or thereaboutes, so that there remaynethe 39*l.* or thereaboutes, which be yet unpaied, by his own defaute, whiche I will my sonne Christofer, my executor, to paie, with all convenient spede, and in so curteous maner as maie be, and I geve unto my said sonne-in-lawe Leonarde Porter, over and above this 39*l.* aforesaid, 10*l.* more, on this condicion, that he will in lovinge maner intreate my sonne Christofer. I make Mr. Anthonie Welburie and William Todde supervisors.

Inv. His brother-in-lawe Mr. Anthonie Welburie owes him 37*l.* 13s. In lent money to William Todd 24*l.* His sonne-in-lawe George Blaxton, of Seton, was owinge to him, Feb. 20, 1586, 3*l.* 17s. 4d., and he owes more, for the tithe haye of Seton and Seham, due at Michaelmas last past, 3*l.*, and more, for tithe corne, 51s. Thomas Hedlye 40s. William Appelbye 6*l.* Mrs. Tempest, of Lintz Grene, for a cowe, 40s. 8d. Robert Wheatley 33s. 10d. Peter Wilkinson, for thre halfe yeares, for his house ferme, 9s., and for two peckes of rye, 2s., and for haye, 2s. 8d. George Tempest 20s. Henrie Banbrige, for a oxe, 40s. John Richeson and John Galliley, for a oxe, 46s. 8d. His apparell 6*l.* *Debtes he was owinge.* To his sonne-in-lawe Leonarde Porter 39*l.* To the towne of Newcastle, for a close, called Fleates, 20s. For his funerall expences and charges 19*l.* 6s. ✠

CXXXIX. WYLLYAM MASSIE,* CLERKE, LATE VYCCAR OF STRANTON, IN THE COUNTIE OF DURHAM.

Inventory. Feb. 15, 1587-8. One cisterne, of leade, 46s. 8d. j kylne heire 15s. 4d. j ladder, of v steppes, 4d. j little feather-

* William Massie was instituted to the vicarage of Stranton in 1581. He married, Nov. 20, 1583, Alice Pilkintone. His inventory is valuable, as shewing the condition, as regards furniture, clothing, &c., of the less wealthy clergy of the period. His books indicate a man of a much better education than had been usually bestowed on the parochial clergy of that day.

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bed, havyng a course tyck, j olde boulster, and ij pelows, 12s. j mattresse, ij course and olde happings, and ij old blanketes, 6s. iiij paer of old harden sheetes 6s. ij harden bourde-clothes 18d. ij old litle lynnen towells 8d. iij syngle night kirchers, and j night capp, 10d. j dozen of olde course table napkynnes, and v hand napkynnes, 2s. 5d. iij course shartes 4s. vj sharte bandes, and iij paer of hand ruffes, 15d. j old longe gowne, which had been turned, ij clokes, old and over worne, iij paer of old breches, j old jerken and hatte, 20s. j bushell and j pecke 12d. j spyt, j paer of yron rackes, and j paer of tonges, 2s. j yron crowe and recken crooke, j frying panne, and the potte-clippes, 2s. 8d. Certayne old yron tooles 8d. j dagger, ij knyves, and the bodkin, 20d. j old brasse potte, and ij kettle pannes, 3s. v firkyns, j barrell, j wood flacket, j leven tubbe, j stone bottle, ij hogsheades, ij tubbes, and j stande, 6s. j long table, iij formes, ij shelves, and j paer of ganntrees, 5s. ij chaers, j framed stoole, j quisshion, j old carpet cloth, and j old paynted cloth, 5s. ij chestes 2s. j stand bed, and j truckle bed, 6s. j old freese gowne 3s. 4d. j spade, and j spytte staffe, 2d. iiij peuter doublers, j peuter quarte pott, j peuter chamber potte, ij saucers, j salte, j dousen of tynn and horne spoones, j peuter playte, with iij litle brasse candlestyckes, 5s. ij litle lanterne sconses, j old fyshe skymber, and an old latten ladell, 4d. j old sadle, j bridle, and j cap-case, 16d. ij skeeles, j canne, j litle wood coup, j paer of muster quernes, of wood, j litle wood pigge, iiij wood dishes, j earthen panne, j heyre-brush, and a litle white waxe, 14d. j swyne 5s. j goose and j gander 2s. j cock and iij hennes 16d. j lytle bacon flitch 2s. 6d. j fur dell, ij stand bourdes, and ij shelves, 2s. 6d. iiij stones (by estymation) of garth lynt, with the towe, 6s. ix hanckes of course harden yearne 4s. 6d. The seedes of lynt, of hemp, and mustard seede, 12d. Salte 12d. iij wynter stales of bees, and the planck, 12s. v empty hyves 4d. All the haye 13s. 4d. Corne growyng, of ij peckes of wheat, 3s. 4d. ij or iij poundes of refeuse woulle 6d. *His bookes, for the most parte torne, or yll bounde.* One litle Lattyn Byble 2s. 6d. Beza his Testament, in Latten, 18d. Jerome's Epistles 20d. One Exposition of the Evangelistes 20d. A book in Lattin of Questions and Answers 12d. Faber Stapulensis on Aristotle's Physickes and Ethickes 20d. Valle his Elagancies 6d. Hortus Vocabulorum, rent, 4d. Cyprian's Epistles 12d. John Bale his Votaryes 6d. A booke of doubtful wordes, made by John de Garlandia, 4d. Tullye's Offices 4d. Aesop's Fables 4d. Seaton's Lodgick 4d. An English Dictionary, for children, in vellum, 6d. The totall somme of all the premissies ys 11*l.* 11s. 9d.

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CXL. TESTAMENTUM LAURENTII THORNETON.

Feb. 24, 1587-8. Lowrance Thorneton,* of Wytton-upon-the-Water, within the parishe of Hartborne, in the county of Northumberland, gentleman. I commend my sowle unto the handes of Almighty God, my Creator, hopynge to be saved, frome deathe eternall, and to participate, with the communion of Saynctes, in eternall felicyty, by the onely merytes of Jesus Chryst, my Redeemer, throughe the assystance of Gode's Holy Spiryte, my Comforter, and my bodye to be buryed in the chappell of Wytton, emongest the sepultures of myne ancestors. I will, that, after my departure, and the departure of my wyf Elizabethe, my sonne James shall have and enjoy the east sheyldes and west sheyldes, for his lyfe, payinge yearlie unto his nephewe, Nycolas Thorneton, 12d. My sonne George to have one moietie of all my landes &c., in Boolam, after the death of Alexander Heron, esquier, for his lyfe, payinge to the abovenamed Nycolas 5s. yearelie. My sonne Henrye to have the other moietie, in like maner. I give to the aforesaide Nycolas Thorneton, and to the heires maile of his bodye, all my landes &c., lyinge in the nether sheldes, commonly called Stanton sheyldes, and also I give unto him all my landes &c., in fee symple, lyinge in the township feyldes and terrytoryes of Boolam, and failinge such heires maile, I give all the abovenamed landes &c., to my sonne James Thorneton, and to the heires maile of his bodye, then to my sonnes George and Henry, in succesion, and then to the ryght heyres generall. My daughter Katherine to have, for her filiall portion, 40*l.* To my wyfe and my sonne James 40*l.*, which Robert Wythyngton is owynge unto me, if he lowse the tythe corne of Wytton, or els I will, that my wife and sonne James have the said tythe corne, so morgaged, untyl the same be lowsed. To my sonne James my gray horse. To my sonne Henry the occupation of a fermeholde, in Thornton Temple, now occupied by Robert Starop, until suche tyme as he may enjoye the moitie of my landes in Boolam, and then I will that Cuthbert Thorneton, the sonne of Annas Richerdson, have the same. My wife Elizabeth and

* Of a family, which descended, though not legitimately, from Roger Thornton, the great Newcastle merchant, whose monumental brass, with effigies of himself and his wife, still remains in All Saints' church, Newcastle, one of the finest specimens of such memorials now to be seen in England. The testator was the second son of Nicholas Thornton, esq., by his wife, a daughter and co-heir of .... Grey; he married Elizabeth Collingwood, and from him descended the Thorntons of Nether-witton, now represented, through the marriage of Margaret Thornton with Walter Trevelyan, by Raleigh Trevelyan, of Nether-witton, esq.

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sonne James executors. Wytnesses, Christofer Collynwoode, John Atkenson, Robert Pottet, Ricardus Saterthwat, vicarius de Whyttingham.

CXLI. TESTAMENTUM GEORGII HELEY.

Nuncupative will, made March 3, 1587-8. George Heley,* of Newcastell-upon-Tyne. To the poor of Newcastle 40s. To be buried in St. Nicolas churche, neare to his father.† To his sister, Mrs. Hawle, 40s., and to his brother-in-lawe, her hus-

* A Newcastle merchant, whose family was widely connected, by marriage, with the tradesmen of Newcastle. Administration of his brother Robert's goods was granted, Jan. 14, 1585-6, to Anne Hall, Margaret Tempest, Catherine Wilkinson, Elizabeth Tempest, and Barbara Tomlinson, his sisters.

† His father's will is dated, Dec. 6, 1569. "George Heley, of Newcastell-upon-Tyne, marchante. To be buried in St. Nicholas churche, neare to my wief. To the poore householders in Newcastell v markes, and towardes the almeshowses 10s. To Robert, my son, the howse I nowe dwell in: then to my sonnes William and George in succession. To the said William my newe howse, in the Close. To my said thre sonnes 100*l.* a pece. To my dowghters Margarett and Katrin 90*l.* a pece. To my dowghters Elizabeth and Barbery 60*l.* When it pleaseth their grandmother, Margaret Selbe, to gyve seven of my childring, among them 73*l.* 6s. 8d., by bonde made to my brother, William Selbey, whereof my dowghter Annes is paide, I will that the rest be paide. To George, my sonne, 10*l.*, besydes his porcion, because he was not borne, when his grandmother gave the rest ther legasis. To my brother John Heley 10*l.*, which I lente a frende of his, towardes the mariage of his dowghter, my nes Agnes Heley, over 6*l.* 13s. 4d., which I geve her. To Elizabeth Hellison 40s. of myne, besydes 26s. 8d., I receved of George Dent, sergant, parcell of the money he hathe of hers. To Bartram Sadler and his wife 40s., and to everie of his childring 20s. To everie of Jane Bartram's childring 13s. 4d. To Robert, my sonne, my ringe, with my seall. To Lionell Grinwell, my servante, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my sonne-in-lawe, William Brandling, my childring George and Barbarey, till they come of age. To my brother-in-lawe, William Selbie, my childring Margarett and Robert, and if William Selbie die, then Sir Symond Anderson to have them. To my brother-in-lawe, John Watson, my dowghter Katheringe. To my cosyng, William Lawson, my sonne William. To my sister, Margaret Swinburne, my dowghter Elizabethe. Wheras ther is a reckning of 460*l.* betwene me and my sonne William Brandling, I will, that he shall have 100*l.* of yt, as towcher and mariadge money, whiche I gave him with my dowghter Anne, reconinge the some of 13*l.* 6s. 8d., which my mother-in-lawe, Margaret Selbie, gave her towardes her mariag. To my sonne George 40s. yerelie, out of my landes, called the Bowmeres landes. To my-brother-in-lawe, William Selbey, my clothe gowne, faced with foynes, having two new gairdes, of velvet, about the same. To my brother-in-lawe, John Watson, one other gowen, faced with foynes, having fringed lace aboute the same. To my sonne-in-lawe, William Brandling, my gowne of grogram, furred withe coney. To William Lawson, my cosyng, my velvet jiket. To my brother John Heley my best satten dublet, and my best damaske jiket, withe my beste pare of hosen. To my nephewe George, sonne of Anthony Swynborne, my gray gelding. To my brother George Selbey, and his wife, to eche of them an old riall of gold, of the value of 10s. I will that my brother John have his sixe silver spones againe, which I have in gage. To Benet Chertisie an angell, and to eache of his dowghters 10s. My sons Robert, William, and George, and my brother John, executors. I make overseers my son William Brandling, William Selbey, my cosing William Lawson, and my cosing William Riddell."

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band, 10s. To his sister Thomlinson, and hir children, 10s. a pece. He would not give his sisters, Margarett, Elizabethe, and Katherine, not so muche as a token to anye of them. To his brother William Heley 10*l.*, the leasse of the tiethe of Anbell, and all his stackes and corne there, and also his farmet, whiche Mr. Wiclif doth serve him for. To Henrie Townson and William Warmouth, to eache 5*l.*, praying them and Mrs. Ellice, the wiff of Mr. William Swinburne, to beare witness to his words.

CXLII. TESTAMENTUM MARGERIÆ BELASIS.

Jan. 20, 1576-7. Margerie Belassis,* of Murton, in the countie of Durisme, widdowe. I give my bodie to be buried within the parishe churche of Houghton, with suche devine service as the lawes will permytt. I give and bestowe of certaine reparacions, as need shall requier, of Houghton churche, 10s. To poure housholders, within the parishe of St. Andrewe Awkeland, 20s. To the poure parisheoners, wher my farme of Wethercott dothe lye, 20s. To my sonne Sir William Bellassis, knight, tenne old angells, and to my ladie, his wyfe, one old angell, for a token. To my sonne-in-lawe, John Hedworthe,† esquier, two old rialls. To Mr. Barnard Gilpyn, parson of Houghton, one old angell, for a token. To my sonne Richard Bellassis eyghte oxen, tenne kye and a bull, fortie yowes and fortie wethers, and a meare, goinge at Morton, a sylver cupe, with a cover of sylver, duble gilte, sixe sylver spones, a great chist, in the parlour, wherein my gownes do comonlie lie, the hanginges, cubord and portall, in the hall. To my doughter Jane Hedworth sexe sylver spones, with knopes, a sylver pott, with a garnyshe of vessell, sex kyne, twentie yowes and fortie wethers, at Wethercott, in Yorkeshyer. To my nephewe, Henrie Belassis,‡ foure old angels. To my nyce, Katherine

* Widow of Richard Belasyse, of Henknoll, co. Durham, esq., and daughter and heir of Richard Errington, of Cockle Park tower, co. Northumberland, and of Morton, co. Durham, esq. Her husband died in 1542, and she long outlived him, dying Aug. 20, 1587, at the age of 90. Her monumental brass, containing representations of herself and children, and a long inscription, still exists in the chancel of Houghton church. We are there told of her, that "she becominge widow so continued the rest of her life, the space of fifty eight years, bestowing her whole tyme onlye in hospitality, and releife of the poore."

† John Hedworth, of Harraton, co. Durham, esq. He married her daughter Jane, from whom he was divorced in 1549, in the presence, among others, of the testatrix.

‡ Henry Belasyse, created a baronet 1611; the eldest son of Sir William Belasyse, knight and grandson of the testatrix.

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Metham,* foure old angells. To everie one of the rest of my sonne Sir William's children 10s. To Raufe Hedworthe, sonne of the said John Hedworthe, 20s. To my cosine William Thuresbie† 10s. To Jane Hedworthe's foure eldeste daughters, everie one of them a fetherbed, and to the rest of her children 10s. a pece. To my doughter Pullaine‡ fortie yowes. To my cosine Elizabeth Chaiter§ one crusadoe, and to my god-sone Anthony Chater an Englishe crowne. To everie one of my houshold servantes, serving me at the houre of my death, 3s. 4d. a pece. To my nurse, dame Tod, an angell. To the poore presioners, within the gayold of Durisme, 13s. 4d. I charge my executoures to make an honest dyner to my frendes and neighboures, at the tyme of my buriall. I make my sonne Richard Bellassis, and my doughter Jane Hedworth, executoures. My sonne Sir William Bellasis, and my sonne-in-lawe John Hedworthe, supervisors. Witnesses, Barnard Gilpine, William Thursbye &c. [Pr. March 4, 1587-8.]

Inv. Sep. 22, 1587. Eighte oxen, att 3*l.* 6s. 8d. a pece, 26*l.* 13s. 4d. xvj kye, att 36s. 8d., 29*l.* 8s. 6d. iij fatt kye 4*l.* 13s. 4d. ij fatt oxe, and a fatt stott, 9*l.* cxxxviij ewes, att 2s. 10d. a pece, 19*l.* 11s. xj tuppes, 2s. 8d. a pece, 29s. 4d. ix weathers, at 4s., 36s. xxvj tuppes and weathers, att 3s., 3*l.* 18s. iij lambes 4s. iij stirkes 20s. iij sewes, a gilte, and a bore, 16s. *In the hall.* An olde carpett, iij bordes, iij formes, 6s. *In the servinge men's chamber.* Three bedsteades 2s. 6d. iij mattresses, vj happins, vj blankettes, ij paire of sheates, iiij boulsters, 17s. A malte arke, and a Flanders chiste, 2s. 6d. *In the garner.* A bedsteade, a fetherbedd, ij blankettes, ij happins, a boulster, a pillowe, 24s. x stones of woll, by estimacion, att 3s. 4d. a stone, 30s. iiij tubbes 12d. *In the utter milke house.* An arke, a cawell, and other old woode gere, 8s. *In the inner milk house.* Twoe kirnes, ix milke bowells, iiij tubbes, ij stone of psalte butter, ij peces of kitchinge stuffe, vj cheses, a chiste, v shelves, a stole, and a little leade, 20s. *In the kitchin.* Fower brasse pottes, an iron pott, iij cawdrons, ij little kettles, v pannes, a chawfendishe, a chafer, a morter and pestell, and grate, 31s. 8d. A brewe leade, and all brewe vessell, 13s. 4d. iij speates, ij droppin pannes, a fryinge pann, 3s. 4d. *In the kitchinge lofte.*

* Her grand-daughter, the wife of Thomas Metham, of Metham, co. York, esq., and sister of Henry Belasyse.

† Son of William Thoresby, of Thoresby, co. York, esq., by Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Richard Errington, of Cockle Park, esq.

‡ Margaret, wife of William Pulleyn, of Scorton, co. York, esq.

§ The wife of Christopher Chaytor, of Butterby, co. Durham, esq., and daughter of William Clervaux, of Croft, co. York, esq., by his wife, Isabel, daughter of Thomas Belasyse, of Henknoll, esq.

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Twoe bedsteades, a fetherbedd, vij happins, iiij blankettes, ij pare of sheates, ij boulsters, ij coddes, a greate chiste, 20s. An iron chymney 3s. 4d. *In the butterye.* Eleven candlestickes 11s. iij olde tynn psaltes, ij olde tynn pottes, certain tynn sponnes, 20d. Drinkinge glasses 6d. Pottes and pannes 12d. iij hoggesheades, and ij barrells, 12d. *In the hey chamber.* Twoe bedsteades, ij fetherbeddes, ij mattres, iiij blankettes, ij coverlettes, ij oversee coveringes, iiij pillowes, a pare of sheates, ij pillowes, with teasters, courtaines and vallains, 5*l.* A truckle beddstead, a fetherbedd, ij blankettes, a bowlster, ij coddes, 20s. A greate presse 3s. A counter, ij chaires, a chiste, 4s. A greate ote-mele chiste 4s. A carpett, a coveringe, a paire of blankettes, 30s. ij nedell-worke quisshinges, a carpett quisshon, vj oversee quishons, 10s. In the little presse, viij blankettes, iiij coverlettes, a bed teaster, an olde coveringe, an olde mantle, 20s. *In the chamber, called the chaple chamber.* Twoe chistes, a cupborde, ij olde coffers, with little stooles, and a borde, iij quishons, 10s. *In the previe.* A bedsteade, a mattresse, ij blankettes, a coverlett, 5s. *In the parlor.* A bedsteade, a fetherbedd, ij blankettes, a happin, a pare of sheates, a coveringe, a teaster, courtaynes and vallanes, 26s. 8d. A greate okin chiste, a counter, ij square bordes, a little chiste, a coffer, ij chaires, ij fourmes, and a truckle bedd, 10s. In the painted coffer, ij pare of gloves, ij silke girdles, a remnant of lyn, a yearde and one halfe, xiij pare of foresleves, iiij dubble kirchiffes, ij hand-kircheffes, v lyn pillowbers, a diaper napkin, v crose-clothes, iij cuffes, 10s. A caskett, vj dubble kirchiffes, a pare of foresleves, ij pare of gloves, iij ribbins, 5s. In the longe chiste, a little pece of velvett, ij diaper napkins, a lyn tablecloth, a course tablecloth, a cupbord cloth, 3s. A little standishe quishon 20d. *In the hey chamber.* One stande bedd, a truckle bedd, ij chaires, a counter, a chiste, 6s. 8d. *In the inner parlor.* Twoe bedsteades, a cupbord, and a presser, 4s. 4d. *In the store house.* A little bedd, and other bourdes, 12d. *In the kill.* One arke, iij stepe tubbes, 6s. 8d. *Lynnen.* In a chiste in the hey chamber, ix pare of lynn sheates 48s. iiij course towells 12d. ix yeardes of lynn, at 8d. a yearde, 6s. vj pillowebers 4s. In the parlor, ij pare of linn sheates, v pare of harden sheates, and a strakin sheate, iij pillowbers, ij cupborde clothes, a greate napkin, iiij lynn towells, xij napkins, wrought with blacke silke, ij dozen other worse napkins, vj lynn tableclothes, a long course tablecloth, iij shorte lynn tableclothes, vij course tableclothes, ij lynn cupborde clothes, iij course towells, 48s. A diaper tablecloth 5s. xvj yeardes of lynn 10s. 8d. x yeardes of harden 4s. 5d. *In the inner parlor.* Twoe bedsteades, ij mattresses, v

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blankettes, iiij happins, ij bowlsters, 8s. iiij chistes 3s. 4d. ij harden sheates, and a yeard of lynn, 4s. ij velvett cappes 2s. In a chiste in the inner parlor, v pare of harden sheates, viij crosse clothes, a yeard of lynn, a raill, iiij yeardes of harden, j quarter yearde of lynn, 9s. Strakins 5s. ij remnants of white, iij yeardes, 2s. *In the store house.* A bason, an ewre, a hande bason, ij puther candlestickes, and certaine bordes, 3s. 4d. ij little chistes, a pestall, a morter, 2s. *Puther.* In platers, xxij, 26s. 8d. In greater dishes, xx, 13s. 4d. xvij little dishes 9s. xiiij potting-dishes 4s. 8d. ix greate sawcers 2s. 3d. x little sawcers 20d. A latten laddle 6d. Shepe skinnes, and iij calve skinnes, 5s. 6d. ij longe waines, ij coupe waines, furnished, vj yoikes, ij sockes, a cowter, ij spaides, iij hackes, iij iron forkes, iiij temes, 20s. *The corne.* Wheate and rye, that did growe att Morton, 15*l.* Otes, growinge there, 5*l.* The halfe tyth corne of West Rainton 8*l.* iij haye stackes, in ruckes, 13*l.* 6s. 8d. An iron chimney 10s. A little leade, to psalte beife in, 6s. 8d. *Plate.* One gilted bowle, parcell gilte, weighinge xvj ounces, 5s. the ounce, 4*l.* One other gilte bowle, parcell gilte, att 5s. the ounce, xij ounces, 3*l.* A gilte psalte, weighinge xj ounces, att 5s. the ounce, 57s. 6d. ij silver cuppes, parcell gilte, weighing xxij ounces, 4*l.* 10s. A gilte cuppe, weighinge ix ounces and a quarter, 48s. A dozen spones, with gilte, xiij ounces and a quarter, 3*l.* 8s. 9d. iiij spones, weighinge iiij ounces, 22s. 6d. A gilte spone, att 5s. 6d. an ounce, 11s. ij gilted sixe-pence 18d. In angells 4*l.* One olde ryall 15s. ij olde nobles 26s. 8d. iiij golde ringes, and other golde jewelles, 40s. In silver, left at my mistres death, 58s. 9d. In pence and halfe pennies 12s. 3d. A little cap-case 2s. ij pictures 2s. A silver ring 12d. A gold weight, and a loking glasse, 16d.

The godes at Wethercote. Eighte oxen, att 3*l.* a pece, 24*l.* v kye 9*l.* viij stottes, and a bull, of iiij yeares olde, att 50s. a pece, 20*l.* x winter stottes, att 30s. a pece, 15*l.* xj stirkes, att 13s. 4d. a pece, 7*l.* 6s. 8d. v whyes, of iiij yeres olde, vj winter whies, 18*l.* lviij yowes, att 3s. 4d. a pece, 9*l.* 9s. ccxl weathers, att 4s. a pece, 48*l.* xvij tuppes, 3s. 4d. a pece, 3*l.* cxviij lambes, at 20d. a pece, 9*l.* 16s. 8d. All the haie 8*l.* lxxx stone of woll, at 4s. a stone, 16*l.* Summa totalis 425*l.* 18s. 2d. ✠

CXLIII. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI MARSHALL, RECTORIS DE STAYNTON IN STRATA.

Feb 4, 1587-8. Rychard Marshall,* of Stainton-in-the-

* This wealthy clergyman, rich in land and plate, was appointed to the rec-

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Streate, clerke. I gyve and bequethe unto Rychard, sonne and heire apparant, unto my brother Gylbertt Marshall,* of Denton, all those my landes &c., in Kylwyke Persie, neighe Poklington, Huton Bushell, Prestone, Newton, Wykam and Easte Witon, within the countie of Yorke, and also all my landes &c., in Morpeth, Newcastell-upon-Tynne and Elstwyke, within the countie of Northumberland, to him and his heires male for ever, and for defaulte of such, unto Thomas, brother unto the sayd Rychard, then to Cuthbert Marshall, brother unto this testator, to descende, accordinge to the trew meaninge &c., of one indenture, bearinge date the xxth day of Auguste, 22 Eliz. To Thomas Marshall, my servantt, all my landes in Corbridge, in the countie of Northumberland, and to the heires generall of his bodie, and in defaulte of such, to Roger Megson and Elyeoner, his wyffe, and then to the foresaid Rychard Marshall, for ever. Also I gyve unto my said servantt the lease of one house in Morpeth, which was my grandfather's, in the tenure of Robertt Olyver. To George Dobson, of Morpeth, and his wyffe, a lease for xxj yeares, and to their assignes, yf the said Rychard Marsshall do lyke, of assignes or assigne, payinge therfore yearly, for every particular as followeth, that is to saye, for the island close, 13s. 4d., presently, and 6s. 8d. for the mylle haughe, when they quietly injoyeth the same, also for one house in Aldgate, and halfe one aker of land, in the tenure of George Dobson, 8s., and for the house at the west ende of the tollbouthe, in the tenure of Thomas Whitfeild, with one aker of land, belonging the same, in Stonyflatt, 20s. Also I gyve unto him and his wyffe 6s. 8d. To Rychard Marshall, my brother Gylbertt, his sonne, one sylver basen and one ewre, parcell gilte, in valewe 24*l.* 7s. 4d., one silver salte, with a cover, double gilte, in vallewe 6*l.*, one standinge cupp, with a cover, double gilte, in valew 10*l.* 8s. 4d., one dousan of silver sponnes, in valew 6*l.*, and 15*l.* in old golde, one gold ringe, with a stone in it, in valew 10*l.*, one signet, with the Marshiall's armes upon it, of gold, in valew 3*l.*, my best fether-

tory of Stainton in 1538. He came from Morpeth or the neighbourhood, and was a cousin of Richard Marshall, registrar to the dean and chapter of Durham, whose will is printed in this volume, p. 25.

* Of Newcastle and Denton, co. Durham. He married Agnes, daughter and co-heir of Cuthbert Brackenbury, of Selaby, esq., and his descendants held land there for some generations. His will is dated Aug. 10, 1589. He leaves to his daughter Belae Marshall c marks, to remain in his wife's hands, until she have a convenient marriage promised, at the discretion of Mr. John Conyers, Mr. George Tonge, and Mr. Nycholas Tempeste. To his sons Rychart and Thomas he gives land at Elswick, Northumberland. To Rychart his housestead in Allhallowe bank, Newcastle. To Thomas his house in the Close in the same town. To his daughter Jane, the wife of Anthony Newbie, 5*l.* The rest to Thomas, his son, and Margaret and Margery, his daughters, and they executors.

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bedd, one bolster, my beste coveringe, a paire of the best blanketts, j coverlętt, iiij paire of the best sheettes, the best bedstokes, which hath the Martiall's armes, the beste downe pillowe, ij pillobers, my chest, which haith my evidence in it, a greate brasse pott, the greatest calderon, j oken arke, one morter and a pestill, the greatt iron rakes, ij of the greatest shetts, to him and his heires for ever, to remaine to the house of Denton, as hairelumes for ever. To Thomas Marshall, my servantt, one goublete, double gilte, in valew 5*l.*, vj new silver sponnes, in valew 40s., 15*l.* in old gold, the seacond fetherbedd, the seacond coveringe, a paire of blanketts, j coverlett, j bolster, that lieth in the bed in the parler, the seaconde downe pillowe, iij paire of sheettes, my whit horse in Grinden feilde, a brasse pott the seacond, the seaconde calderon. To Thomas Marshiall, brother unto the said Rychard, one silver boll, double gilte, having the pictoure of Alexander Magnus upon it, in valew 8*l.* 6s. 8d., j fetherbedd, the worste coveringe, j coverlett, j paire of blanketts, ij pillobers, j pillowe, ij paire of sheettes, the best bedstokes, that my men lieth in. To my brother Cuthbertt's children 40s., and to his wyffe 10s. To my brother Gylbertt Marshiall one old riall, and to his wyffe one old angell. To Bela Marshiall 40s. in old gold, vj platers, vj doublers, iiij potingers, v sawcers of puther. To Marie and Margerie Marshiall, ether of them 20s. To Anthonie Newbie,* his wyffe and children, 20s. To Ambrose Lancaster one old riall, to his wyffe one old angell, and to his children 20s. To Roger Megson his yeare's wayges, beinge 26s. 8d., and to his wyffe iij of the oldest silver sponnes, one sylver pott, with the picture of the Lamb, in valew 3*l.* 6s. 8d., and to his children amonge them, equally to be devided, 20s., and to his wyffe the choise of ij brasse pottes, the sheett that lyeth over me, when I go to be buried, ij towells, the carpette that lieth over my bedde, and the reed mantell. To mistress Bednell, wyffe unto Roger Conyers, one old angell. To Wyllyam Pearson, my servantt, his yeare's wages, being 20s., my old gray horse, bridell and sadell, the fetherbedd he lyeth one, j bolster, j coverlett, j happinge, a paire of blanketts, or els 5s., and j paire of shettes. To Jhon Wheigell, Rowland Seamer and Robertt Hauxley, to everyone of them one double doukette. To Katherine Marshiall, Eleonor Megson sister, 20s. To Cuthberte Hesloppe 20s., j matterasse, j pillowe, j paire of new harden sheettes, j coverlett and one happinge. To Jaine Robinson, my servantt, 20s., j matteras, a paire of harden sheettes, and all the rest of hir beddinge she lieth on. To George Inlyshe 20s., to put him

* The husband of his brother Gilbert's daughter Jane.

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to one occupation. To George Marshiall, of Bedlington, 10s., to Lionell Marshiall, and his wyffe, 10s. To the daughters of Anthonie Marshiall, of Bedlington, to be deveided amonge them, 20s. To the children of Jhon Marshiall, of Bedlington, 20s. Also I wyll and charge my executors and supervisers, to make supplication to the bishopp for ther inheritance, accordinge to the custome of Bedlington. To Marke Mallibarne's wyffe 5s. To Robertt Joblinge's wyffe 5s. To Margarett Jacson, of Elstobbe, wedow, 5s. To Cuthbertt Heslopp's mother 3s. 4d. To Robertt Raine 3s. 4d. To Agnes Coltman 3s. 4d. To Henrie Maugham 10s., and he to pay 2s. 4d. to Nycholas Maugham, and 12d. to wedowe Allinson. To Margarett Hesloppe one brasse potte. To Rycharde Marshiall, aforesayd, all such summes of money as his father is owinge me, yf his father be unnaturall; and yf he and his wyffe be naturall to their children, I forgyve him the same debte. Also I wyll, that my executors shall beare all such charges, in sute of lawe, yf any sutes do arise, as concerninge my landes aforesayd. I forgive Robert Pattyson, George Adamson, Jhon Readhead and Jhon Chapman, all such debtes as thei ar awinge me. I forgive Jhon Jacson, of Girslie, 16s. 8d., the rest remaninge is 3*l.* The rest of my goodes &c., to Rychard Marshiall and Thomas Marshiall, my servantt, whom I make my soule executors, equally together, wyllinge and commandinge them, that they shalbe sayd and ruled by Ambrose Lancaster and Roger Megson, yf anie controversies do aryse betwixt them, whom I make supervisors of this my last wyll and testamentt. Witnesses hereof, Ambrose Lancaster, Roger Megson and William Pereson, with others.

Inv. Mar. 28, 1588. One basen and one eure, of sylver, parcell gilte, weighinge xcvj unces, 23*l.* 7s. 4d. One standinge cuppe, with a cover, double gilte, xxxj unces, 10*l.* 8s. 8d. One salte, with a cover, double gilte, xviij unces, 6*l.* One silver boll, double gilte, xxviij unces, 8*l.* 6s. 8d. One goublett, double gilte, xv unces, 5*l.* One silver potte, parcell gilte, xij unces, 3*l.* 8s. One cuppe, parcell gilte, xij unces, 3*l.* 8s. One dowsan of sylver sponnes 6*l.* ix other sylver sponnes 3*l.* One gold ringe, with a stone in it, 10*l.* One signett, with the Marshall's armes graven upon it, 3*l.* In gold and sylver 64*l.* Fower fetherbeddes 6*l.* iiij counterpointes, or oversea coveringes, 9*l.* v paire of blankettes 20s. v coodes, and iiij bolsters, 35s. xviij paire of sheetes 12*l.* x pillober coveringes 30s. ij happinges, v matterasses, 35s. xcvj peasse of puther 6*l.* 13s. 4d. ij salte sellers 8d. j great brasse potte, j greatt calderon, 4*l.* j lesser calderon, and v pannes, 24s. v spettes, a paire of greate iron rackes, 15s. viij candelstykes 6s. 8d. j paire of cobbe irons, a fyre panne, iij payre of

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tonges, a porre, 9s. ij drippinge panes, j broilinge iron, 3s. iij rackinge crokes, iij paire of potte-clypes, 4s. 8d. A morter, a pestill, a scomer, 8s. 4d. A chaffen-dyshe, a chaffer, a latten laddell, 2s. 6d. A fleshe axe, iij other axes, 2s. ij teames, iij crockes, ij iron weddges, j yron band, 7s. 8d. j greatt oken arke 26s. 9d. In woodd vessell 6s. iiij chaires, iij quishens, v tables, 24s. 4d. iij tableclothes, viij formes, j buffett stolle, 13s. 10d. iiij greatt chestes, a deske, 40s. j counter, j ambrey, a candell cheste, 12s. iij stand beddes, j trindall bed, 23s. viij earthen pottes, j woodd flackett, 2s. ij wyndowe-clothes, vj seckes, 6s. In coells and woodde 33s. 4d. ij horse, ij saddels, ij bridells, 4*l.* 10s. ij pees, iij iron forkes, 4d. In apparell 6*l.* In bokes 26s. 8d. ij diaper towells, j diaper tablecloth, 40s. ix diaper napkinges, ix other table napkinges, 33s. 4d. iiij lyne towels, iij line tableclothes, 30s. A hollaine surplesse, another surplesse, 3*l.* ij harden, and ij line, bord clothes, 8s. A bowe, a shafe of arrowes, a byll, ij old melles, a murian, ij staffes, a cott of plate, with sleves, 20s. Summa 225*l.* 4s. 8d. *Debtes owinge unto him.* Sir Henrie Gates, knt., 7*l.* 5s. Mr. Raphe Graye, of Horton, esquier, 5*l.* 10s. Th'executors of David Carnabie 40s. Thomas Whitfeilde, of Morpethe, 30s. Chistofer Staddorthe, of Morpethe, 4*l.* 6s. 8d. Robert Olyver, of the same, 30s. Wylliam Francis, of the same, 8s. Thomas Smithe, of Newcastell, 10s. Th'executors of James Dodds, of the same, 33s. 4d. Temple, of Corbridge, 13s. 4d. Richard Akrygge 20s. Rauffe Jackson 4*l.* 3s. 4d. Thomas Jackson, of Girsbie, 3*l.* The executors of Bonaventure 10s. Roger Jackson, of Yorke, 40s. Thomas Conyers 10s. Anthonie Arrowsmith 6s. 8d. The same, for tentes, 30s. Thomas Dalavell 50s. Rowland Marshall 3*l.* Mathew Symson, of Brafferton, 3s. 4d. Summa 49*l.* 3s. 4d. ✠

CXLIV. TESTAMENTUM GEORGII LAWSON.

Dec. 29, 1587. George Lawson,* of Litle Usworth, in the countie of Durham, esquier. My bodie to be buryed in the

* Eldest son of Thomas Lawson, of Usworth, co. Durham, gentleman, by his wife, Elizabeth Darrell. He married Mabell, daughter and co-heir of Sir Reginald Carnaby, of Halton, co. Northumberland, knight. His will is a very interesting one, and betokens a kind and considerate man. His good intentions, regarding the estate of the Claxtons, at Burnhall, were unavailing to keep it in the family. Robert Claxton, who was deeply implicated in the "rebellion of the north," had saved both life and estate, but, either through this unhappy adventure, or from general habits of extravagance, he was never able to redeem his lands, and they passed away from the family for ever. The terms of the testator's bequest to Mrs. Claxton seems to imply that her husband was a spendthrift. His own son Thomas became involved in money difficulties, and sold his estate to his uncle, Sir Wilfrid Lawson.

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quere at Washington, over against my grandfather's tombe, wher I will, that my sonne Thomas shall cause a windowe and a tombe to be built, and he to bestowe 20*l.* or 10*l.*, at his discrecion. I give to the maintenance of a gramer scole in Hexam 20*l.* My will is, that if Mr. Roberte Claxton, of whom I purchased the lordshippe of Burnhall, doo paie unto my sonne Thomas Lawson 2000*l.*, within one yeare next after my death, then he shall have the same againe, with this proviso, that he, the said Roberte Claxton, shall not alienate nor sell the said lordshipe, but that the said landes shall lineallie descend to the heires maile of the said Roberte Claxton; and if he make paiement of the said 2000*l.*, then my will is, that my sonne shall give him back 30*l.* I will that Mr. Claxton his sone's annuities be perfected, according to the drawghte therof made. To Mrs. Claxton, wieff to the said Roberte, 10*l.*, to be paid into hir owne handes, and to be imploied to hir owne use, and hir husband not to knowe of it. I will that if my brother William Whithed* can procure, at the handes of the deane and chapter of Durham, the lease of Merington water milne, by Mr. Rauff Bowes his meanes, or otherwise, that William More† shall have the same lease, paying, out of his porcion, such sume of money, as shalbe disbursed, for the obteininge of it. To my brother, Gilfourd Lawson, all my estate, right, terme of yeares &c., which I have in my lease of the tithe corne of Sudwick. To William,‡ sone of my brother Gilfourd Lawson, an annuitie of 10*l.*, to be paied out of my landes, after the death of Elizabeth Lawson, my mother. To my sonne Thomas my lease of Barmstone, he payinge unto his four brethren, Robert, George, Rauff and Edward Lawson, to everie of them 100*l.*, and to his sisters, Elizabeth§ and Katherine‖ Lawson, to either of them 300*l.* To twoe of the porest scollers in Houghton scole, which shall continue ther, so long as the saied scole is maintened, 40s. yearlie, out of my landes in the said parishe, to be given at the discrecion of the churchewardens and scolemaster, to by the said scollers bookes and apparell. I will that the money that I am owinge unto my unkle George Lawson his children shalbe paid. Wheras Doctor

* Son of Thomas Whytehed, of Monk Wearmouth, gentleman, and husband of the testator's sister Catherine. He was vice-admiral of the county of Durham.

† See the will of Elizabeth Kirkhouse, printed p. 306.

‡ Ancestor of the family of Lawson, baronets, of Isell, co. Cumberland, now represented by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, bart.

§ Wife of Edward Ewbanke, of Durham, gentleman, brother of Henry Ewbanke, M.A., rector of Washington, and prebendary of Durham.

‖ Wife of Benjamin Widdrington, of Hirst, co. Northumberland, gentleman. He died in 1633, leaving his widow Catherine, and children, John, Ursula, Katherine, Dorothy, and Mary. Administration was granted to Edward Lawson, of Costley, par. of Hexham.

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Bellamie* dothe owe me 12*l.* 10s., I will that he shall not pay it, until he be very well able to paie it, and if he be not very well able, that then he shall never paye it. I will that my mother Elizabeth Lawson have the fishinge at Barmston, for her life, and further I give unto her my xij silver spones, called the xij apostells, which my wieff Mabell hath in her custodye, and also the silver goblett I had gyven by weddowe Kirkhouse. To my sone Thomas my two silver canes. To my unkle, William Lawson, one old riall. To my aunt Harbottle† one old riall, and to everie one of hir children 10s. To everie one of my sisters one old riall, and to everie one of ther children 10s. To my cosin Rauff Lawson, of Brugh, my best horse, and to his daughter Alice my baie stoned stagg. To my cosin William Lawson, of Rock, my graie geldinge, which is at Winyard. To my cosin, Margaret Claxton, my baie nagge, at Wynyarde. To my brother Gilfourd my black stoned horse, and my gray nage. To Umfrey, sone of Roberte Claxton, my dune colte. To George Lawson, of Sheles, my gray nage, which I bought in Allstone more. To William,‡ son of Thomas Swinburne, 20*l.* To Thomas, son of William Whithed, 20*l.* To my cosin, George Whithed, 10*l.* To William Lawson, his wief, of Sheles, 40s. To Michael Brunskall my gray rackinge mare. To everie man servant in Litle Usworth 10s., and to everie made servant 6s. 8d. To Thomas Bowbey 40s. To John Plumton 20s. To William Walton, Rauffe Brian and Richard Dobson, to everie of them 10s. To Mary Dobson a cowe, and 6s. 8d. To William Storye a cowe. I will that my sone Thomas shalbe as good to my servantes Thomas Bowman, William Storie and George Allen, in preferring of them, as I was to Lionell Martin, they serving for it, and deserving it. To George Allen all my apparell, which I use daylie to were, and 6*l.* 13s. 4d. I will that a cowe of myne in wedowe Chamber's handes, of Gateside, shalbe sould, and the money distributed to the poore of Gateshed. And lastlie I geve unto the poore of Houghton, Bouldon, St. Oswolde's, in Durham, and Washington parishes, 13*l.* 6s. 8d., to be devided equallie amongest them. All the rest of my goodes &c., to Thomas Lawson, my sone, whom I make sole executor, and if he refuse, then my sonnes Roberte and George to be my executors. Witnesses, Gylfourd Lawson, William Whithed, George Allen and Humfre Siddon.

* Prebendary of the third stall, in Durham cathedral, and rector of Houghton-le-Spring; M.D. of St. John's college, Oxford.

† Anne, wife of Richard Harbotel, of Chester-le-Street, co. Durham, gent.

‡ Son of his sister Margaret, the wife of Thomas Swinburne, of Capheaton, co. Northumberland, esq.

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CXLV. INVENTARIUM BONORUM GEORGII RATCLIFFE,* MILITIS, DE DILSTON, DEFUNCTI.

June 5, 1588. Inprimis, xviij oxen 27*l.* vij younge catell 5*l.* vij kye 8*l.* 10s. j lame nagge 13s. 4d. xvj acars of rye 7*l.* 4s. x acars of wheate 5*l.* xxvj acars of otes 11*l.* One acar and a halfe of bigge 10s. Ploughes, waynes, and other necessaries belonging husbandrie, 3*l.* One signett of goulde 30s. The furnitoure of his chamber 6*l.* 13s. 4d. His apparrell 3*l.* 6s. 8d. Summa bonorum 79*l.* 7s. 4d. *Debtes owinge by the said Sir George Radclyffe.* To Mr. Roger Radclyffe,† of

* The head of his house. Sheriff of Northumberland v and vi Philip and Mary; lord warden of the East Marches. He was the son of Sir Cuthbert Radclyffe, of Dilston, knight, by his wife Margaret, daughter of Henry, lord Clifford. He married Katherine, daughter of Sir William Mallory, of Studley, co. York, knight, and left an only son, Francis, created a baronet, and from whom descended the unfortunate Earl of Derwentwater. His inventory is singularly scanty, and 3*l.* 6s. 8d. seems a very trifling sum for the apparel of a man of his station and consequence.

The will of his brother Anthony, of Cartington and Blanchland, is dated Sep. 15, and was proved Nov. 14, 1595. His goods amounted to 458*l.* 3s. 6d., principally arising from large numbers of horses, cattle, and sheep. "Anthonye Radcliffe, of Blanchelande, within the parishe of Shoteley, esquier. To Anthonye, sonne to my sonne Cuthbart Radcliffe, all the interest I have of the tythe corne, cominge and growynge of the feildes of the Redinge and Bromehaughe, during his life. To Jane, daughter of my sonne Cuthbart, aforesaid, c ewes and vj kyne. To John, sonne to my said sonne Cuthbart, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. To William, sonne to my said sonne Cuthbart, 4*l.* To Jane, daughter to my said sonne Cuthbart, two fetherbeddes, with all necessarie thinges to them aperteyninge. To my man, Christofer Redshaw, 40s. To Thomas Milne 20s. To Margaret Welberye 20s. The reste of my goodes &c., to my sonne Cuthbart Radcliffe, whom I make executor."

† Roger Radclyffe, of Mulgrave castle, in Cleveland, esq., a distant relative of Sir George Radclyffe. He was grandson of Henry Radclyffe, of Tunstall, co. Durham, in right of his wife Isabella, daughter and co-heir of Thomas Fulthorpe, of Tunstall, esq. His will is in the registry at York, and was proved March 27, 1589. "To be buryed within the chancel of Lythe. To Katherine, my eldest daughter, my greatest gilte salte, with a dosen silver sponnes, one silver canne, gilted, a silver cuppe, with a cover, whiche was last made at Yorke, a silver piece, that I do use comonlye to eate my pottage in, and one of my silver tunnes, one gilte cuppe, with a cover, whiche is comonlye called a beare cuppe, and all my howsehould stufe, within Mulgrave and Ugthorpe, excepte suche stufe as my late wyffe, whose sowle God pardon, did geve to her three daughters and two sones. To Jane, my daughter, one gilte bowle, which she had geven to her christeninge, by my ladye Westmerland, and two of my litle bowles, with the covers. To Isabell, my daughter, the thirde bowle, and one of my silver tunnes. To Margaret, my daughter, one other of my silver tunnes, and another of my gilte cuppes. To William, my sone, one gilte salte, called the bell salte, a dosen silver spones, and one gilte cuppe, with a cover, which I had of Sir Robert Pourselaie. To Raphe, my sonne, my great whyte salte, and my owld sponnes, which I thinke is a dosen, and two of my silver tunnes, with one of my litle gilte cuppes. To my cowsin Richard Mennill, of Kilvington, one white silver cuppe, with a cover, that I had made at Yorke. To Cuthbert Burn, my fyve-men bote, goinge at Sandsend."

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Muggrave, 30*l.* To Mr. Tempest, for malte, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To a marchant of Durham 3*l.* For servant's wages 3*l.* 4s. 6d. To the potecarye, of Newcastell, 26s. To Mr. William Grenwell, of Newcastell, 18s. To John Olyver, of Hexham, 16s. To Rychard Addyson 10s. 6d. To John Smith 12s. To Hector Carnabie 13s. 4d. To George Dobson 18s. To Mr. Carnabie 10s. To Robert Olyver 4s. 8d. To Richard Read 4s. 6d. To John Carre 3s. To Edmunde Burdesse 5s. To Thomas Hudspeth 40s. To Gylbert Robson 33s. 4d. Gyven to the poore, and charges of his funerall, 8*l.* 6s. 8d. In blackes, gyven at his funerall, 40*l.* His hearse 4*l.* Charges of carying his corps 40s. His funerall dynners 20*l.* Summa debetorum 125*l.*, besyde many debtes, not yete knowne off. ✠

CXLVI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS EDEN.

May 11, 1588. John Edon,* of Windleston, of the paroche of Sant Andrewe Auckland, in the countie of Durham, gentilman. My bodye to be buried in the paroche churche of St. Andrewe Auckland, as neare unto my brother Claxton as may be. I give unto the poore folke, to be distributed amonge them, in the daie of my buriall, 6*l.* 13s. 4d., not in consideration, that I do beleeve that ther prayers then can prevale anie thing for me, but to testifie my good will towarde them. My requeste ys unto John Edon,† my sonne's sonne, to suffer my owne sonne John Edon quietly to occupy, duringe his lif naturall, all that farme in Windleston, now in the tenure of John Ledombe, after the deathe of my wief, and I do give unto the said John Edon, my sonne's sonne, my best armore, upon condicion, that he do accomplishe my above said requeste accordinglie. I give unto my said sonne John 30*l.*, and I give also unto him, and to his heires, male or famale, all my landes now in controversie, or sute of lawe, or otherwise whatsoever shalbe recovered of the bonndes of Mr. Rawf Conyers, of Laton, his heires &c., tuching the same. And also I give unto him my great golde ring, and my mynde and will ys, that my brother Roberte Eden‡ shall have

* The testator, the *homo prepositus* of the family of Eden, married Elizabeth, sister and co-heir of Marmaduke Lambton, of Belsis, esq. His will gives a good deal of genealogical information about his family, and contains an interesting notice, in the shape of a bequest of the works of Chaucer. His inventory also is very curious and valuable. He was buried May 21, 1588, at St. Andrew Auckland.

† The son of the testator's son Robert (whose will is printed p. 105), by Jane, daughter and co-heir of John Hutton, of Hunwick, co. Durham, esq.; he married Margery, daughter of Anthony Welbury, of Castle Eden, gentleman.

‡ Tuition of John and Margaret Eden was granted, Jan. 15, 1595-6, to Robert Eden, of Newcastle, their uncle.

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the tuicion and bringing upp of my said sonne, when he cometh to the aige of vij yeres, and his portion with him. To Margarete Eden,* my doughter, one reede cowe and hir calf, and wheras I have maid a lease of xxj yeres of Windleston milne, unto my said doughter, in full satisfaction of her childe's porcion, my will ys, that my brother Robert have the keeping of the said lease and the said milne, to lett and sett, to the greateste benefitt of my said doughter. To Myles Case, curat of St. Andrewe Auckland, a Frenche crowne. To John Maison, alias John Eden, my baise sonne, 5*l.* To Elizabeth Litle, alias Eden, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To my doughter Margerie two aungells, to make her a ring, and to each of her doughters 10s. To Marmaduke Welshe, my man, 40s., and to Robert Spurner 20s. To Jane Potter, my sister Margaret's doughter, a gymer hogg. To my two sisters, Margaret and Custance, 10s. a peece. To Marmaduke, Agnes and Jane Sander, my sister's children, everie one a gymer hogg. To my brother Roberte one gold ring, which my brother Cuthbert gave me. To each of my household servaunts (except Marmaduke Welshe and Robert Spurner) one lambe, and to Mr. John Marche a riall. To Nicholas Bainebrig my best brod-cloth cote, and to John Potter my other brod-cloth cote. To Robert White a freise cote. To Christofer Todd one rashe dublett. To Marmaduke Welshe one lether dublett. To John Clarke one freise jirkin. To Robert Spurner one fushion dublet, and my worshe hoose. To John Eden, my sonne, all my furniture, except the armor, wich I gave to John Eden, my sonne's sonne, and if he do not observe the condicion, I will that my owne sonne John have that armour also. Unto John Claxton† the works of Chaucer. To my syster Franncis one crowne, and unto the said John Claxton one crowne. To Robert Hunter my best hose. To my brother his wif 10s. To my sister Claxton one Frenche crowne. And yf yt fortune my said sonne John Eden to dye, withoute issewe, I give my said landes, above mentioned, and the bonndes, or whatsoever shalbe recovered, of Mr. Ralf Conyers, his heires &c., as is aforesaid, unto my doughter Margaret Eden, and her heires for ever. The residue of all my goodes &c., I give unto Margaret,‡ my wief, and therefore I do make her onely executrix of this my last will. Witnesses, John Claxton, Robert Eden, Rowland Todd, Briane Wilson, Bartilmew Stevenson, Miles Case, Robert Whit, Chris-

* She married John Thirkeld, of Melmerby, co. Cumberland, esq.

† The testator's nephew, afterwards Sir John Claxton, of Nettlesworth, knight, son of Robert Claxton, of Old Park, esq., by Alice, sister and co-heir of Marmaduke Lambton, esq.

‡ The testator seems to have been twice married; of his second wife I know nothing.

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topher Todd, John Clarke, Robert Hunter, Marmaduke Welshe, Mastris Mergerie Thirlkeld, Maistris Franncis Claxton, Mastris Bridget Threlkeld, and Mris Custance Banebrigg. I ordeine and appointe as supervisors, Mr. John Marche, and my brother Robert Eden.

Inv. June 7, 1588. *In the halle howse.* One wainescott table, j olde wainescott forme, and j tapstre carpett, lyned with canvas, 20s. ij oke tables, ij oke frames, with ij trustes, wherupon the tables do stande, 20s. vj silver spones 30s. j cubbord, of wainescott, a lyning cloth, upon it, iij puder dublers, j basyn, ij puder London quart pottes, with ij candlestickes, 13s. 4d. ij puder candlestickes, ij other candlestickes, iij puder saltes, j paire off pepper whirnes, with all upon the cubborde hede, 46s. Hole corslettes of harnes, with ij helmetes, and a muryon, 6*l.* j grene and blacke carpett 6s. 8d. j great hanginge candlesticke 16s. viij framed quisions 8s. iij wodd chares 4s. A paire of tables, with ther men, 3s. 4d. A pare of tonges, and an iron porr, 3s. 4d. *In the kitching.* Sixe brasse pottes 49s. 4d. ij caldrons 25s. j possnett 2s. iiij pannes 4s. j frying panne, and a dropping panne, 3s. j morter and a pestell 6s. 8d. j breade grate 6d. iiij great iron speits 12s. ij iron rackes 4s. ij iron racking crookes 3s. 4d. xx pesse of puder vessell 20s. A browling iron 8d. Cockell panne 12d. j kitching borde 4d. ij dosen trenchers 6d. j stone trowe 6d. j squabb of wodd 6d. ij laddles 2d. iij paire of iron pott-klipes 8d. j skelfe of oke 2s. j long-setle of oke 6d. A paire of iron tongs 12d. *In the chamber above the hall.* One counter, with a carpet of grene, 20s. j garnisse of puder vessell 4*l.* j presser in the same 13s. 4d. iiij cotes of plate 26s. 8d. j jacke 2s. ij stele cappes, with ther coveringes, 5s. ij trindle beddes, with ther furniter, 6*l.* 13s. 4d. j cubbord of oke, iij puder pottes, j latten candlesticke, with a long flower, 33s. 4d. j deske chiste 10s. j chist, with j round cover, 10s. j oke chiste 5s. j old carpett, upon the presser, 3s. 4d. j little kaskett 3s. 4d. vj sewed quicions of crule 12s. A ewe bowe, and a brasell bowe, 6s. 8d. iij shaif of arrowes, with ther bagges, 3s. ij calevers 26s. 8d. j dagg, with iij holes, 6s. 8d. ij swordes 10s. j pare of new stirroppes 8d. ij halbartes 5s. j lance-staffe 18d. j paire of newe bootes 6s. 8d. j Bibell and a servis booke 13s. 4d. vij long oke bordes 8s. j gowne, of Yorkeshier clothe, 53s. 4d. j gray clocke 10s. A fyne brode-clothe clok, of puke, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. j brode-clothe cloke, of blewe, 16s. j blacke satton dublett 6*l.* j rashe dublett 20s. j fushon dublett 2s. 6d. j lether dublett 13s. 4d. ij pare of venicion britches 16s. j paire of grene say stockinges 7s. ij hattes, lyned with velvett, 13s. 4d. iiij cotes 53s. 4d. ij velvett girdles

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2s. iiij brushes 6s. *In the parler within the hall.* One staind bedd, with all things therto belonging, 4*l.* j great arke 3s. 4d. j chirne, and j stande, 2s. j bord, j beare barrell, 2s. j butterkitt 10d. *In the brew howse.* One brewe leade 33s. 4d. j masfatt, j gilefatt, 10s. j hogshed, and ij tubbes, 6s. 8d. j tune, and j spining whele, 4s. j cheise presse 12d. ij seases, vj skeles, j knopp, 7s. j iron peale 2s. 4d. j butterkitt, and j brand iron, 3s. 4d. *In the olde lofte.* Thirtene iron sowmes 31s. 4d. iiij cowlteres, and j socke, 6s. v paire of axell nales 5s. v pare of lyning pinnes 20d. v waine shackelles 5s. xj lowse crookes 3s. vij rynners 21d. viij iron wedges 6s. 8d. iiij axes 2s. 8d. j itche 10d. j chesell 6d. j digging spaid 6d. iiij wymbles 2s. 8d. j brear croke 2d. ij sithes 20d. j paire of iron fetters 14d. ij horse sowmes 16d. iij tord wydies of iron 3s. v rackes of iron, with ij breches, 7s. vj geared yockes 4s. iiij yockes, ungeared, 16d. v geard forkes 20d. ij forkes, ungeared, 6d. v spade shells 10d. ij stone hacks 3s. j pare of waine roppes 20d. j pare of weyes 2s. 6d. j dosen and a half of oxen bowes 12d. ij spyning wheles 2s. j pipe 2s. ij lepes 16d. vj mowdie rakes 12d. vij gaddes 2d. viij iron forke shaftes 16d. vij shake forkes 4d. ij rakes 8d. x sickelles 20d. vj chese fattes 2s. 6d. ij terr firkinges 16d. v lucke crokes 4d. xxiiij waine whele speakes 2s. xiiij plew stiltes 14d. vij harrowe bulles 7d. j iron grape 4d. j old presser, and j firking, 20d. iiij camerels 1d. j muck hacke 4d. j terr panne, with the marking iron, 2s. 4d. j pare of tristes 4d. j henn cawell 4d. Conye nettes 5s. j horse lock 1d. iij axe shaftes 1d. j hand pawyer 20d. j brockin brass panne 12d. xiij dowe ledges 2s. 4d. j bunche of lattes 18d. j iron gavelock 3s. *In Windleston towne gait.* iij oke trees, iij pare of siles, j sile, iij ribbs, j astre, ij other pesses of timber, and a sawe horse, 20s. j sledd 2s. Bordes with Rawf Bales, at Auckland, 4s. Thre oke trees, and iiij toppes, lying at Shipcot howse, 10s. Twentye wether shepe 3*l.* 3s. 4d. xiiij yowe shepe 42s. viij lambes 8s. xviij yowes from Belsis 54s. xvij lambes 17s. xxxij hogg shepe 4*l.* 5s. 4d. vj tuppes 18s. viij oxen, and vj kyne, 44*l.* ix calves, and iiij whies, 4*l.* 3s. 4d. ij stottes, and j whye, at Belsis, 50s. ij mares, and j fole, and a white nagg, 11*l.* ij fillies, and j sord nagg, 5*l.* 13s. 4d. iij mares, at howme, 6*l.* iij sowes, and ij boores, 20s. ij swine at Belsis 12s. One goose, j stegg, vj yong geise at Belsis, 4s. Thre old gease, and j stegg, 3s. Corne, in the barne, xx threave of wheat and rie, 3*l.* Half a chalder of malt 40s. vj peckes of wheat 6s. j bowle of peise 5s. Hay 13s. 4d. One old lead 20s. Pullan 2s. 6d. Corne, sawn on the ground, viz., xij acrees iij rood of wheat, rye, and bigg, and xij acrees of

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ottes, 24*l.* A lease of a quarter of Windlesten tithe, for xiij yeres, 12*l.* ij bee hives 10s. *In the milne.* Two arckes 10s. xiiij iron pictes 4s. 8d. j iron gavelock 3s. 4d. iij iron chesells 12d. j eche 12d. j eche wimble 10d. j bushall, j peck, j bowt-cloth, 2s. j spad, j temps, j parcell, 18d. vj shill bordes 12s. *In the ox howse and stable.* Thre saddels, iij bridels, j horse coller, j howsing clothe, 23s. 4d. j tonne, for horse provin, 2s. 6d. ij load saddles 2s. ij iron forkes 16d. j pare of waine blaides, with certaine other thinges, 10s. vj yockes, girded, 4s. ij cowpe waines, with stringes, 8s. 8d. A longe waine, with a pare of wowne wheles, 12s. j cole waine, with a pare of bund wheles, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. ij nowt heckes 6d. ij long lethers, j traile, ij flekes, j nowt heck, 12s. *In the tyth barne.* Fower wheles, wherof j bune, j oke harrowe, with iron tethe, iiij plewes, xiij plew beames, 3*l.* 11s. 8d. j paire of naves, j barrow, j yocke, viij aseltres, vij new stiltes, with wowne bordes, x felles, j hede *(blank)*, j horse harrowe, with iron tethe, five oxen bowes, ij great swalles, 53s. Thre severall obligacions, wherof the principall debt, due to the testator or his executors, ys 105*l.* *In the chamber at Belsis.* One fetherbedd, ij bolsters, ij blanckettes, j coverlet, j happin, ij coddes, j bedstede, with hangings of buckaram, 40s. j iron chimney, j porr, j forme, j buffett stowle, j chiste, j round table, 40s. *In one other chamber.* One fetherbedd, j bolster, 13s. 4d. iij puder dishes, iij dublers, ij sawcers, j watter pott, of brass, j laverai, of brasse, j iron chimney, ij pare of iron rackes, j stiller, ij chistes, ij stowles, j glass, j bottell, j stele capp, j iron porr, ij lance stawves, j buckler, j shart of male, ij blewe drinking glasse pottes, 20s. *In one other chamber.* Fower tubbes, j quicion frame, ij beddstedes, 6s. 8d. *In one other chamber.* One chist 2s. *In one other chamber.* Two beddsteades, j ratten fall, iiij ches-fattes, j long chist, j whele stoole, with manye bordes, 6s. v bee hives 20s. *Lyning.* One pare of lyning sheites 53s. 4d. viij pare of other lyning sheites 5*l.* 6s. 8d. vj bord clothes 25s. vj dosen napkinges, ij towels, 3*l.* vj cod-wares 10s. ij lyning webbes, of xij yardes, togeather 3*l.* ij lyning webbes, of xl yardes, 40s. ij harden webbes, of xl yardes, 20s. Hanginge to a bedd, with the teaster of say, 20s. ij fetherbeddes, with ther furniture, 40s. j bedd teaster, of velvett, 3*l.* viij paire of harden sheites, with certaine other meane bedding, 40s.

Debtes which the testator did owe at his death. To his brother Robert 6*l.* 15s. 11d. To Georg Coming 5*l.* 5s. To Godfraye's, or his sonn's, doughter, of Billingham, 7*l.* To John Bone 10s. To Nicholas Bainbrig, vj bushall of bigg, 20s. To William Lawe, of Cowpon, 26s. 8d. To William Perte wif 20s. To

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widowe Wodd, upon a bill of his hande, 7*l.* To Mr. Marche 6*l.* 10s. To Bartill Stevenson, for iij oxen, 11*l.* 4s. To John Yong, upon a bill of his hande, 3*l.* 9s. To John Burne, of Cowpon, 28s. To Mathew Pattison 3*l.* To Thomas Bailes 24s. To Christofer Suerties' wief 52s. Funerall expenncs 30*l.* His mortuarie 10s. For a pare of botts 6s. 8d. To Maistris Downes 10s. To Martin Cowper 20s. Servanntts waiges 3*l.* Somme of the goodes 367*l.* 19s. 7d. Somme of the debtes 94*l.* 10s. 7d. Somme of the legasies 64*l.* 4s. 6d. So remaines de claro 209*l.* 4s. 6d. ✠

CXLVII. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI SMITH, GENEROSI.

July 20, 1598. In the name of God. Amen. I, Henrye Smithe,* in perfecte memorye, att the wrytenge hereof, have sett downe this, for my last will and testamente, as followeth. Firste, I bequeath to the aiged and diseased in this citty of Durham, and parishes thereto adjoyninge, of the poorest sort, 10*l.*, to be given by Mr. Alderman, then beinge, and two of the nexte assistance, and the names of such persons to be certified by the ministers and church-wardens, and then Mr. Alderman and the other two to consider better of them, and to use there discresion, without parciality or intreaty, but no parte thereof to be given neither to any of those, which either have weekly or quarterly, but they to be paid still that are liveinge, as they have had by those that have the cooll pittes, nor no parte of the 10*l.*, to any of those that have besides, as hereafter followeth. To the poore of Bushop Awckland 4*l.*, and to the poore in Gateshead 3*l.* To Mercy Collett, nowe marryed, 6*l.* To Mercis Gibson, and hir brother William Heeth, 4*l.* betwene them. To my lawndresse, for hir last quarter, 20s., and to hir that doth my business, in my chamber, 40s. To old dame Whiteheade, to dame Moore, to blinde John Stephenson, to young Atthye, to Sharpe, blinde, to old John Bell, to Nann Smith, to dame Lambe, blynde, to hir daughter, the criple, to old Smurford, to White, the criple, to widow Cookeson, to these twelve 10s. a peece. To widowe Horne, to widow Rodwell, to Hobson's wife, in the queere, to widowe Cooke, to these fower 20s. a peece. To Mr. Frogmorton 40s. To Mr. Cuthbert Nicholls 40s. To Josua

* The testator married a daughter of John Heath, of Kepyer, esq., by whom he had an only daughter, noticed below. His valuable bequest to the city of Durham, much detrimented, by bad management and ruinous speculations, in former days, still affords, for the very useful purposes of the trust, a considerable yearly income, which is managed by the mayor and aldermen under the name of "Smith's Charity."

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Carre, my sister's sonne, 40*l.*, to his sister Marye 20*l.*, and to another brother of thers 20*l.*; Josua Carre was prentyce with Mr. Humfry, a baker in Sancte Katherine, besides the Tower, there to be heard of. To Mr. Nicholas Heeth four anngells of gold, and to his daughter 10*l.* To the two daughters of Edward Heeth 20*l.* betwene them, and to the three daughters of Thomizin Lever 10*l.* a peece. To Sara Birkett 40s., and more, 8*l.* to apparrell hir children, and Mr. Alderman to se it done to that use, with the mother's advice therein. To Thomas Lame, to Thomas Laiburne, att Grewburne cooll pittes, 40s. betwene them, and to old Kilborn, a carpenter, 20s. To the French church in London 40*l.*, and Mr. Walter Williams, assay-master of the minte, in the Tower, to be made privie thereof, to whom I bequeathe fower angelles of gold, for a token. And as for my daughter, graceless Grace,* who I, nor none of hir kindred, have seene for divers yeares past, and seeinge I have alreadye paid a greate portion, upon the agremente of hir mariage, as by certaine articles in writeinge, betwene old Christofer Maire and me, appeareth; which beinge accomplished of his part, then I to pay 400*l.*, whereof is alreedie given 390*l.*, as appeareth by acquittannces, assigned by widowe Maire, hir own hande, lawfull ministrator to hir laite husband, and the other 10*l.* hath bene offered, upon the assignemente of a generall acquittance, whiche to do she refuseth; there was also given to this graceless Grace, by hir grandfather of Kepyere, forty markes, which they have received, and more, they have had of me, in houshold stuffe, silver plaite, pewther, and other thinges, to the valewe of one hundreth markes and better, besides that which was given hir of others, both before she was marryed and after; besides all this, I will, that there be paid hir 20*l.* by yeare, for my tearme, out of the coolle pittes, if she live so longe, after 5*l.* the quarter, but yet upon this condicion, that she fetche every quarter payment hir selfe, or within one moneth after, and also that she come to the cathedrall church of Durham, to the sermon, in dewe tyme, or els to loose that quarter, except some greate cause be a lett, then to give it her the next

* His daughter, who was virtually disinherited by her father, married Robert Maire, of Hardwick, co. Durham, esq., son of Christopher Maire, of the city of Durham, gentleman, by his wife Anne Hindmarsh. The cause of her father's displeasure was her conversion to the Roman Catholic faith, to which she and her husband are reported to have become attached, in consequence of seeing the great courage and devotion, which was manifested by four seminary priests, who were executed, on account of their religion, near Durham, in 1591. The testator makes a very unworthy proviso, as to the payment of his daughter's annuity, when he demands that she shall attend the worship of an alien religion, as the price of the payment. She had several children, and her descendants have always remained staunch adherents of that religion, for which their ancestress underwent her father's resentment, and the loss of her patrimony.

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quarter she cometh to the sermon, or els to loose yt. As tuchinge all the coolle pittes I have nowe in lease, and that the increase thereof might be employed to the benefitt of manye, and to be putt to some good use, I doo freely give them all to this cittie of Durham, and all the coolles above ground, which to me belongeth, with all implementes whatsoever, and all bookes of reckeninges, with all the leases and writeinges, tuchinge the pittes, with all the candles provided for that use, and the two greate chistes they are in, and another litle chiste, where I lie, to kepe these writeinges in. The cause wherefor I give all my cooll pittes to this citty of Durham, and more as hereafter followeth, is, cheifelie, that some good traide may be devised for the setteinge of youth, and other idle persons, to worke, as shalbe thought moste conveniente, whereby some profitt may rise to the benefitt of this cittie, and releif of those that are past worke, and have lived honestlie upon there traide, trustinge that those, whom I shall appoint, to have dealeinge therein, will so faithfully employe there indeavour, that God may blesse there doinges. I bequeath to Mistris Matthewe, for a token, two old spure ryalls, as manie to my brother Heeth, of Kepyare, as manie to his wiffe, as manie to Dorothie Heeth, as manie to my gossep Anne Heeth, and as manie to Thomizin Lever, in all 9*l.* To Edward Heeth my ringe of gold, to seall leters, four anngelles of gold, my dagge, my best gowne, and all my printed bookes of the French and Englishe. To Mistres Baith, in whose house I am, att the writeinge hereof, 20*l.*, and 10*l.* to hir yonge maides, hir cosens, and to the eldest I give, more, whatsoever is myne, that I brought thither; and as for my truncke or such apparell, as I have, Mistris Baith to use it as she will; also I give to hir maide and men servannts 40s. between them. And wheras I have given divers legacies, and that there is sufficiente to pay all, either in monye or debtes, as by bills of persons, of good creditt, appeareth, nowe for the payment of these legacies, I do nominate, for my executors, Mr. Alderman, for the time beinge, Mr. Edwarde Wanlesse, dyer, and Mr. William Hall, draper, to whom I bequeathe, for there paines, 8*l.* 13s. 4d. a pece. And least the private receipte should come to private men's handes, and so be privatlie used, I would request Mr. Chancelor of the spirituall courte, to whom I bequeath six anngelles of gold, for a token, that he, or anie other, which it shall please him, to give there advise and counsell herein. And seeinge there wilbe a good porcion remaininge of debtes, legacies fullie paid, and all other charges in time of sickenes annswered, but nothing to be spente in funerall feastinge, or blackes for counterfote mourninge, nor anie thinge

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given to common beggers, but as before is recited, nor anie funerall sermon, nor chisted in a coffin, but to be laid in the usuall place of buryall; and whatsoever money or debtes remaineth, after all legacies and bequestes, with all other charges fullie paied, all the rest I give to the cittie of Durham, for those good uses, as before is expressed. I bequeath to Mr. Swifte one peece of gold, cald a double duckett, and to his wiffe another peece, that is half so much, the one in valewe 13s. 4d., the other 6s. 8d. To Mr. Lockwood one peece of gold, of 13s. 4d., which I had of him. To Mr. Booke or to his wiffe 20s.

Money oweing by persons of good creditt, this xxth of Julie, 1598. Mr. Calverley 20*l.* Mr. Robert Bowes 20*l.* My brother Heeth 240*l.* Mr. Doctor Pilkington 30*l.* Mr. John Pilkington 50*l.* Mr. Clopton 10*l.* Mr. Warter 50*l.* Mr. Butler 24*l.* Younge John Comyn 40*l.* Mr. Hall 20*l.* Mr. Hutton, upon bond, 56*l.*, to another 20*l.* Peter Hodgeson 5*l.* Oswold Baker 13s. 4d. Mr. John Barnes 30*l.* My lord Evers 70*l.*, or thereaboutes.

A codicill made the vjth daie of November, 1598. Whereas it haith pleased God to putt in my minde, to bestowe that that is left of legacies performed, to somme good use, as in my will appeareth, which cannot presentlie be done, but by good deliberation, I will, that there be presentlie bought, by my executors, twenty stone of flax, to be bought on the best hand and best stuffe, for readie money, and without gain to the buyer, and to be given to Hobson's wiffe one stone, to Horsleye's wiffe, of the queere, a stone, to Cowper's wiffe one stone, to the writer's wiffe hereof two stone, but no more to them in the queere; the residue to be given to such like, generallie, in everie parishe, whose wyves are not gossopp kepers, nor there husbandes ailhouse haunters, and such as are aiged to be relieved weekelie. Further that Mr. Alderman, and the reste of the assistantes, for the glaseinge and furnishinge of the towne house and bewtifeinge thereof, to bestowe, as occasion shall serve, without checke or controlemente of anie, or what coste they bestowe upon the pannte, to cover it, as they thinke good, to be taken of the revenewes and profittes, as come of the coolle pittes, and debtes, as increase shall arise, so it be not hinderance or hurtfull to anie parte of my will. Witnesses, Cuthbert Nicholls, notarius publicus, Anne Baith.

Another codicill made the xth daie of November, 1598. Memorandum. Mr. Henry Smith, of Durham, beinge sicke, but of perfecte memorye, sent for Cuthbert Nicholls, who presently wente to him, and att his cominge to him, unto the chamber, where he then lay sicke, the said Henry spoke and said

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unto him, 'I have sente for yowe for this purpose. Mr. Gregory Butler oweth me 24*l.*, I will, that of that 24*l.*, there be putt out of that bill, wherin it is written, one 10*l.*, and he to pay me 14*l.*, that remaineth, and this I will, to be recorded and noted, amongst other thinges that I have willed to be written, and that he be no further charged with that sum.' Witnesses thereof, Cuthbert Nicholl, and Mistris Baith, none els then present, and he willed me so to write, and us to testifie.

Another codicill made the xijth daie of November, 1598. To the right reverende father in God, and my verie good lord, Tobie, lord bushopp of Durham, give this.

I have desired this bringer William Hall, that my whole title, right and intereste of Gartherthorne coolle pittes be surrendered over to your honor, giveinge, yearelie, duringe my lease, 20*l.*, to Mr. Alderman, for the tyme beinge, to be employed, as it doth more at large appear in my will. And if your honor do like of this offerr, I would have your lordshipp putt in these two men, to serve yowe att the pitt, to take the reckeninges, the one called Hewetson, who doth tallee the horses, who haith for his waiges, 3s. a weeke, paid at the pitt, and I give him 6d. a weeke beside, for his cominge with the reckeninge, the other man is one Matthye Mayther, of Bushopp Awcklande, who haith served me as a banckman, at those pittes, he to take the reckeninge of the daylie worke, and weekly charge, and so shall yowe see howe the receiptes doth agree, betwene the banckman, and he that doth talle, and as yowe like Matthye Mayther's doings, so yowe may rewarde him, both with waiges and your liverye. [Pr. Nov. 18, 1598, administration granted to Thomas Peareson, alderman of the city of Durham, Edward Wandles, dyer, and William Hall, draper, the executors.]

CXLVIII. WILLIAM RIDLY,* OF WILLIMONTSWICKE, ESQUIRE.

INVENTARYE. Aug. 22, 1599. One close of wheat, conteyninge, by estimation, xviij acres, 20*l.* iiij several closes of otes, conteyninge xxiij acres, 14*l.* xvij bowles of bigge 8*l.* Puter vessell, in number lxxxviij, 3*l.* 6s. 8d. v dyper napkins, and a towell, 5s. vj lynnen napkins, cubbord clothes, ij towells, 5s.

* The second son of Sir Nicholas Ridley, of Willimoteswick, knight, by Mabel, daughter of Sir Philip Dacre, knight, and brother of Nicholas Ridley, esq., whose inventory is printed p. 121. He married a daughter of John Heron, of Chipchase, esq., whose will is printed p. 200. Administration of his goods was granted, Aug. 27, 1599, to Richard Musgrave, esq., the father of his son William's wife, and who was appointed guardian to his children William, Michael, Mabel and Margaret.

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iij fetherbeddes, and ij mattresses, 34s. 4d. xviij olde coverlettes 30s. iij pare of olde sheetes 3s. 4d. iij pare of blankettes 10s. viij bolsters and pillows 5s. ij carpin-clothes 4s. vij olde cushons 2s. 4d. vj chamber-pottes 5s. vj peace of olde puther vessell, and a candlesticke, 5s. A pott, ij bottles, and ij pannes, 10s. iij olde droppinge pannes, and ij morters, 13s. 4d. vj olde pillowes, and a coveringe, 6s. 8d. A truncke, and a cheste, iij fetherbeddes, and a mattress, 33s. 8d. j bolster 2s. 6d. j bedcoveringe 6s. 8d. j Flanders chest 6s. x paire of sheates 50s. A troncke, with vj pare of linen shetes, and j pare of round shetes, 50s. A longe tableclothe 6s. xiiij table napkins 7s. viij pottes, iij caldrons, j kettle, and v pannes, 5*l.* 10s. ix candlestickes 9s. j chamber-potte 6d. ij puter pottes 2s. j crockett 12d. iij silke cushons 5s. iij carpet clothes, and a cupbord clothe, of grene, 30s. xxvij yardes of sackcloth 11s. iiij pare of lynen sheates 20s. xiiij new coverclothes, in a troncke, with a carpin-clothe, 5*l.* 10s. j bed coveringe, of tapestrie, iiij coverclothes, and ij say blankettes, 23s. 4d. j Flanders chest, with vij pare of blankettes, 55s. j pare of linnen sheetes 9s. j pare of round lynnen sheetes 5s. j bed coveringe, of tapistre, 30s. iiij fetherbeddes, iij bolsters and iij pare of bed hanginges, 3*l.* 6s. 4d. In the read chamber, j bedsteed, a table, a chare, iij buffett stooles; in the inner-chamber, j bedsteed, a trundle bed, ij chares, ij buffett stooles; in the hall, iij longe tableclothes, a chaire, ij longe buffett stooles, and ij buffett formes; in Mr. Ridley's chamber, j bedsteed, with a pare of hanginges, ij chistes, a Flanders coffer, ij litle chaires, ij buffett stooles; in the next chamber, ij chaires, and j chiste; in the kitchen, a cubberd; in the larder house, a longe chiste; in the crosse chamber, a bedsteed, 4*l.* v sylver sponnes, j silver tune, j sylver salte, with a cover, 4*l.* ij hogge swyne, iiij shotes, a sow, and v pygges, 40s. ij iron teames, ij shackles, and a pare of wheles, 7s. The lease of Plenmeller 50*l.* Sume 144*l.* 5s. 8d.

Memorandum. These goodes underwritten are in the handes of other men, neither do I certainely knowe in what sorte they will be answered. One gray stoned horse 6*l.* 13s. 4d. cxx ewes, or theraboutes. Priced and valewed by Christofer Ridley, John Ridley, William Ridley, and Hughe Ridley, fower indifferent men. ✠

CXLIX. TESTAMENTUM ANNÆ NAVELL.

Feb. 16, 1597-8. Anne Navell,* of Whesnup bourn, in

* The widow of Arthur Neville, who came of a branch of the noble and illustrious house of Raby, settled in Weardale. The will and inventory are

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Wardaill, in the parishe of Stanop, and within the countye of Durham, wedow. To be buryed in the churche or churche-yearde of Stanop. To my sonne Railfe Navell one kowe, and one fetherbed, and 6s. 8d. of money. To my man Railfe Navell one kowe. To Railfe Dalavaillye one coopbord, one graet potte, and a paire of cob-irens. To Jennet Navell, alias Whitfeild, one calf, and the third part of all my houshold stoufe. All the reist of my goodes I give unto my man Railfe Navell, whom I maik my wholl executor. Witnesses, Edward Dalavaillaye, William Emerson and Thomas Watson. [Pr. Nov. 24, 1599.]

Inv. Oct. 27, 1599. One maire 46s. 8d. ij kyne and calves 3*l.* 13s. 4d. j farawe kow 36s. 8d. ij stirckes 30s. iij dynmond sheip 10s. ix lambes 20s. j quy 22s. Hir houshold stufe 50s. Hir apparell 20s. The hay 6*l.* Somma totalis 21*l.* 8s. 8d. ✠

CL. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI BELLASISE.

In Dei nomine. Amen. Feb. 6, 1596-7. I, Richarde Belassis,* of Morton, within the parishinge of Howghton-in-the-Springe, within the countie of Duresme, beinge, at the makinge hereof, hoole of mynde, and of perfecte remembrance, thanks be unto God, do mayke and ordeyne this my last will and testament, in manner and forme folowinge. Fyrst and pryncipally, I do commytte my sowle unto Allmightie God, my Creatore and Redemer, my bodye unto the earthe, to be buried where yt shall seme best unto my executors and frends. I geve and bequithe unto the poorest sorts of the inhabitants, within the parishings of Jarro, Howghton-in-the-Springe, Easington, and Pittington, within the county of Duresme, 34*l.*, to be distributed emongest them; viz., unto the poore of Jarro 6*l.* 13s. 4d., unto the poore of Howghton 6*l.* 13s. 4d., unto the poore of Easington 5*l.*, and unto the poore of Pittington 5*l.* I geve, beinge a parcell of the

interesting, as shewing to what a low estate a relation of the proud and wealthy earls of Westmerland had fallen, and that too before the attainder of the last earl, for Arthur Neville could only be ranked among the yeomen, in spite of gentle blood and an historic name.

* The testator, who was never married, was the second son of Richard Belasyse, of Henknoll, co. Durham, esq., by Margery, daughter and heir of Richard Errington, of Cockle-park tower, co. Northumberland, esq. His mother's will is printed p. 315. His will is a very interesting one, and the schedule annexed, in which he specifies the various hoards of money, which he had deposited in the secret places in his house, is exceedingly curious. Are we to believe him a penurious and suspicious miser, who loved to visit his treasured hoards, and to gloat over his purses, full of old and new rialls and sovereigns, or as a provident and thrifty man, providing for the necessary expenses of an important and ancient family, of high position and consideration?

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abovesaid, unto the poorest sorts of inhabitants, within the parishings of Kirkletham and Cockwold, within the county of York, 10*l.* 13s. 4d., unto the poorest of Kirkletham 6*l.* 13s. 4d., and unto the poorest of Cockwolde 4*l.* I geve to the poorest inhabitants, within the lordshipp of Blacterne, in Westmerland, 6*l.* To the poorest people within the parishing of Saint Andrewe Awkland 3*l.* 6s. 8d. To the poorest prysoners, within the jaile of Duresme, 40s. I geve to the stoocke and reparations of the free gramber schole of Keipere, in Howghton, 5*l.* To my brother Sir William Belassis one jewell, of beten gowld, opening with two leaves of gowld, that was my mother's, and one brode pece of silver, with the emperor's picture and armes on yt. To my nephew Henry Belassis* my lease and hoole terme of years, which I have of the parsonaige, or rectory, of Cockwold, in Yorkshire. To my neese Ursula Belassis vj owld angelles, and to my cosine Thomas Belassis, and to my yong cosine Thomas Metham, iiij owld angelles a pece, for tokens. To my suster Jane Hedworth† 64*l.* 2s., or therabowts, all in owld gowld, viz., 20*l.* 5s. in owld ryalles, at 15s. the pece, in dwble dwcketts, at 13s. 4d. a pece, 20*l.*, one owld noble 13s. 4d., iiij owld Englishe crownes, one portingewe, one pece of 30s., one pece of 20s. in gowld, all which said somes of 61*l.* 2s. is, at this present, within a litell poursse of silke rybben, within a litell lether bagg, which is put within a white lether showe, and liethe in the west eynd of the heighest floore, of the presser, in my stodye, at Morton, where the glasses stand. To my said suster Jane Hedworthe all soche furniture and stuf, as is within the litell chamber, at Morton, next unto the great chamber ther, on the middest of the newe stairs, viz., the bedde, beddstede, clothes, and all furniture thereto, the hangings, and pictures on the walles, also I geve unto my said suster two of my gretest drinking bowles, of silver, dwble gilte. To my neeses, Katheren Baynbridg, Elizabethe Fenwike, Anne Conyers, and Margery Constable, 30*l.* a pece. To my other two neeses, Isabell Hedworthe, and Margrett Hedworth, cc marks a pece, towards ther marriges, and if they, or eyther of them, shalbe bestowed in mariage, before my deathe, that then I geve unto that partie so bestowed, only 30*l.*, as ther other susters have. To my said two neeses, Isabell and Margrett Hedworthe, all the beddes, beddstedes, and furnyture of the two beddes, in the owld heighe chamber,

* Afterwards Sir Henry Belasyse, created a baronet in 1611, the eldest son of the testator's brother, Sir William Belasyse, of Newburgh abbey, co. York, knight. He married Ursula, daughter of Sir Thomas Fairfax, of Denton, co. York, knight.

† The wife of John Hedworth, of Harraton, co. Durham, esq., from whom she was divorced.

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at Morton, over the owld parler ther, with all hangings on the walles, in that chamber, the great presser ther, and the two chests, with the linings in them, within the said chamber, and also to eyther of them one litell playne whit silver bowle, to drink in, and vj plaine silver spones a pece. To my servant Margrett Lamberte 100*l.*, and also all the stuf and furniture whatsoever, nowe, or commenly, remaning, within my bedd chamber, at Morton, beinge over the hall ther, viz., the fetherbedd, tester, beddstede, and all the furniture thereto, all the chests, coofers, and desks, in that chamber, with all things, stuf, and mony, within them, or otherwise, in that chamber, tables, hangings, pictures, and others whatsoever ther, the presser, without the said chamber doore, wher my apperrell usithe to lye, the great joned waynscotte dyning taible, in the hall, at Morton, with the formes and stooles, usually ther, the paynted clothes, or hangings on the walles ther, one chaire, in the owld parler, with a leather seate and back, which I do use to sytt in, and one London chest, covered with black lether, and banded with irone, nowe standing at the heade of the staire, going into the owld heighe chamber, over the owld parler, and with all the lynnings of damask and dyapere, within the said chest; also I geve unto hir one litle dwble gilte silver bowle, two litell drinking cuppes, of silver, the one dwble gilte, the other parcell gilte, and one of my plaine salts, of silver, and one dosen of silver sponnes, with knoppes at the eynds, also two yocks of drawght oxen, and six milche kye. To my nephew Charles Bellasis,* all that my lease, or leases, and

* Charles Belasyse, doctor of civil law, was buried at Houghton, Aug. 18, 1601. His will is dated March 16, 1599-1600. "Whereas my father his yearelie allowance was not one half part, for the sufficient mayntenannce, that everie yeare, in Cambridge, my necessarye expences and charges did requier, in regard of my place and degree, wherebye I grewe into debt, which my saide debts, thare at Cambridge, are now in a manner fullie discharged, onelye by the great and bountifull goodnes I have received from my verie good unckle, Mr. Richard Bellassis, as also by the especiall helpe of my most lovinge brother, Mr. Bryan Bellassis, unto whom I acknowledge and confesse that now, and att this present, I owe and ame indebted 120*l.* And forasmuche as upon a release, made by me unto my father, for my childe's portion, under my hand and seale, my father did deliver unto me an obligacion, under his hand and seale, bearing date the firste day of June, 42 Eliz., to paye unto me 100*l.*, within eightene daies after the feast of Penticost, which shalbe anno Domini 1601. Now as I have no doubt att all, so I most humblie and earnestlie request my father, or his heires, executors or assignes, well and truelie to paye the said 100*l.* unto my brother Bryan Bellassis, towards the discharginge my saide debt of 120*l.*, due unto him, the saide 100*l.* beinge my due and right, in all lawe, equitie and good conscience, as my childe's portion; albeit it shall please Almightie God to take me out of this mortall liffe before the eightene daies after the feast of Penticost, next imediately to come, be fully expired. Hereupon as it behovethe everie good Christian and honest man to sett all thinges in order, in his liffetyme, I have disposed of suche goods as now I ame possessed of, as followeth: and therfor, in Dei nomine, amen, decimo sexto die Martii, et anno regni dominæ nostræ Elizabethæ &c., quadra-

terme of years, which I have in the ferme, or demayne, of Morton, neighe Howghton-in-the-Spring, during all my terme or intrest therin, allwaies provided, and upon condition, that my said nephew shall dwell and remayne at the said howse, at Morton, or else I do revoke this my said bequest. To my nephew Bryan Belassis all the stuf and furniture, within the great chamber, at Morton, over the newe parler ther, viz., the best fetherbede of downe, tester, beddstede, and furniture, the tapstery clothes, or hangings, on the walles, within that chamber, waynscott cobbords, chaires, and stooles, cobbords, chaires and pictures, and all the pictures and taibles in the gallery, at Morton. Also I geve to my said nephew my great salte, of silver, dwble gilte, with a cover, my best taibleclothe, of damask dyaper, and towell, the best Turkey carpett, for the long taible ther, and other the carpetts for cobborts, in that parler, and one litell chest, of iron, that was bowght of Thomas Hopper, of Durham. To my cosine Henry Thursbie, of Lyncolne's Inne, at London, my best geldinge, at his choise, and a rynge of gowld, weing vj angelles, with a deathe's heade on yt, and Mr. Heathe's name, of Keipere, and also my neight gowne, furred throwghe with foxe skinnes, to be a stoody gowne. To my cosine Anthony Houtton and my cosine Thomas Chitore thre owld angelles a pece, for tokens. To my nephew John Pullen 100*l.*, and all the stuf and furniture, within

gesimo tertio, I, Charles Belassis, of Morton, within the parishe of Houghton-in-the-Springe, within the countie of Duresme, beinge, att the makinge hereof, whole of mynde, and perfect remembrance, thankes be to my eternal and most mercifull Lord and God, doe make and ordeine my last will and testament, in maner and forme followinge. First and principallye, I doe commende and committ my soule into the handes of the onelie true and Almightie God, my Creator, my Redeemer, and my Sanctifier, my bodye to the earthe, to be buried in the churche of that parish, where it shall please God to call me out of this transitorie liffe. Item I give and bequeathe unto my brother, Bryan Bellassis, all that my lease, or leases, and terme of yeares, which I have in the ferme, or deameasne, of Morton, nighe Houghton-in-the-Springe, in the countie of Duresme, duringe all my terme and enterest therein. Item I give and bequeth unto my saide brother, Bryan Bellassis, my best gowne, faced and garded with velvet, my velvett jirkinge, and my velvett capp. Item I give and bequeath to my sister-in-lawe, Mrs. Margaret Bellassis, my sanded nagge. Item I give and bequeathe unto my brother, James Bellassis, my best cloake, and my taffitie jirkin. Item I give and bequeathe unto Mr. John Blackwood, my feed lawier, my black cloake, faced with velvet, and my gowne of stuffe, at Morton. Item I give and bequeathe all the rest of my apparell and lynninge, not before bequeathed, unto my servant Henrie Hackley. Item I give and bequeathe to my brother, Brian Bellassis, all my stuffe, hangings, beddinge, mappes, table, and other furniture, whatsoever, in my chambers and studie, in John's colledge, in Cambridge, and all my bookes, either in the saide chambers or studie there, att Cambridge, or att Morton. Item I doe make my brother Bryan Belassis my onelye executor of this my last will and testament. In witnes I have hereunto sett my seale, and subscribed my name. Witnesses, Bryan Bellassis, Margaret Bellassis, John Blackwood, Henrie Hackleye."

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the litell grene chamber, at Morton, within the gallery ther, viz., the fetherbedd, tester, bedd, and all the rest, with th'appurtinances, the hangings on the wall, and all within that chamber, and also one plaine whit drinking bowle, of silver, with vj silver sponnes, and one great London chest, covered with black lether, which cam last from London, and all the nappery and linings therin. To my nephew John Hedworth 100*l.*, and all the stuff and furniture, within the owld parler, at Morton, viz., the fetherbedd, tester, beddstede, and furniture, with th'appurtinances, the great Danske chest, at the bedd feete, the hangings on the wall, and a litell chest, att the bedd syde, also one white drinkinge bowle, of silver, of the greater sorte, and vj silver spones. To my servants, Michael Myers, William Thursbie, (and William Rudd,)* 10*l.* a pece, provided allwaies that they be in my service, or reteyning unto me, at my deathe. To my servant Robert Rutter, of Howghton, 10*l.* To William Rickarbie 5*l.* To Steven Bellassis, (Robert Kyng, some tymes my mother's manne,)* and to Sir Gesper Hoppringle, 3*l.* a pece. To every of my yeomen servants one black morninge cloke, of 13s. 4d. the yarde, one paire of black carsye hoose, of 5s. the yarde, one black felte hatt, and one full half year's waiges moore then served for. To every of my servants at husbandry, that have bene with me two years together, one black clothe coote, of 6s. 8d. the yarde, and one full half year's waiges more than served for, and to every of my women servants 6s. 8d. a pece, and one full half year's waiges, as the other men servants. To the mendinge, and cawsiinge with stonnes, of heighe-wayes, within the bushopbrick of Duresme, as most nede shalbe, 100*l.*, and fyrst, to the mendings of the lonings, lying from Gillye mower, at Duresme, towards West Rainton coole pittes, and then to the loning, that lyethe betwex Lumley parke paile and Lamb felds, towardes the newe bridge ther, as shalbe thowght most metest and needfull to either of those waies. To my nephewes, Doctore Belassis, Bryan Belassis and James Belassis, 100*l.* a pece; and unto my nephew, Charles Belassis, two white silver drinking bowles, vj silver spones, and one silver canne; and to my nephew, Bryan Belassis, my great silver salte, with a cover, dwble gilte, and one white silver canne; and to my nephew, James Belassiss, one nutte, of silver, to drinke in, dwoble gilte, with a cover, and one tonne cupp, of silver. Also to my nephew, Charles Belassis, all my bowkes of the civill and the common lawes, the bowks of the civill lawe ar nowe lent unto Mr. Doctore Colmer, to be redelivered. To my nephewes, Bryan Belassis, James Belassis,

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and John Pullen, all my armures, gownnes, daggs, coots of plaite, and furnyture towardes the warres. To my said nephewes all my other Englishe bowkes of stooryes, cronycles and others. To my neese, Mary Rudd, 20*l.*, and one litell tonne cuppe, of silver, upon this condition, that the said mony shalbe preserved by some good meanes by my executors, to remayne unto hir only use and proffitte, and after hir deathe, to come unto soche child of hirrs, as she shall appoint. Forasmotche as I have allredy mayd an estaite of inheritance of all my lands, within the busshopbrick and county of Duresm, as elsewhere, by a dede executed in my lyf tyme, bearing dayte the twenty day of Febrary, 1596, unto serten feoffees, in uses, viz., unto Michaell Myers, William Thursbie, and Robert Rutter, as by the said dede and sedoll, thereto anixed, may plainly appeire, these are therefore for the surer knowledge thereof, that the same is my only mynd and doinge, to mayke a playne notice hereby, in this my testament, that no frends, or a kynne of myne, shall either dowt of the same doings, or yet, any manner of waies, shall withstand that my said mynd and doings, if any so the power were in them so to do. I devise, geve and bequithe all the rest of my howsehowld stuf, at Morton, not beinge abovesaid herin alredy by name geven, or by some other gifte, under my hande and seale, of a former dayte, alredy conveyed and geven, unto any person, unto my two neeses, Isabell and Margrett Hedworthe, and unto my servant, Margrett Lambert, equially emongest them. I likwise geve all my corne, at Morton, within the howsse and felds, and all the cattell, oxen, kyne, and shepe, not herein before mentioned, nor by some former gifte, under my hande and seale, alredy to some partie or person geven, and also all the corne, on the grownd, which I am to have at Jarro, by covenant of William Blythman, at th'experation of his yeares, and departure from Jarro, and all soche drawght oxen as he likwise must deliver and leve unto me, at his said departure thence, unto my nephewes, John Pullen, John Hedworthe, and to my servant, Margrett Lambert, equally amongst them. I make my nephewes, Doctore Belassis, and Bryan Belassis, my cosine Henry Thursbie, of Lyncollnes Inne, my nephew John Pullen, and my servant Margret Lambert, executores, and my brother Sir William Belassis, my nephew Henry Belassis, my nephew James Belassis, and my nephew John Hedworthe, I make supervisors. Witnesses, Margret Lambert, Mychaell Myers, William Wood, John Blackwood, William Rickarbye, William Thursby, Robert Rutter. [Pr. Feb. 9, 1599—1600.]

Schedula auri et argenti Richardi Belassis, nuper de Morton,

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armigeri, defuncti, exhibita per Brianum Belasis, unum executorum testamenti dicti defuncti.

Memorandum, that these severall somes of goulde and silver, in readie currant coine, hereunder particulerly expressed and noted, ar onelie the goods and monie of me, Richard Belassis, and ar, at this present, remaining at Morton, and their laid up, in several places to my onely use. xxij Marcii, 1596.

Inprimis, in currant coine of goulde, of severall sortes, all which is nowe lapped up in one severall thinne piece of lead, as followethe, viz., in olde angells Dcclx, conteninge 380*l.* Item in oulde rialles, at 15s. the piece, c, conteninge 75*l.* Item in new rialles, or soveraignes, xc, conteninge 45*l.* This said some is 500*l.*

Item, more in currant coine of goulde, being put within a litell woodden box, viz., in oulde angelles cxxxvj, conteninge 68*l.* 10s. Item in ould rialls more, at 15s. the piece, ix, conteininge 7*l.* 10s. In English crownes xxij, conteininge 5*l.* 10s. In French crownes xx, conteininge 6*l.* In new rialles, or soveraignes, xxvj, conteininge 13*l.* This some is 100*l.*

Item more, in currant coine of goulde, being all in new rialles, or soveraignes, the which is likewise lapped within a litell thinne piece of leade, viz., cccc, conteininge 200*l.*

The some of all the above is 800*l.*

And all these parcelles, abovesaide, being thus laide up, and put, in three severall sortes, ar now togither walled upon the lefte hande, and west side, of the litell darke staire, that goeth downe out of my bedde chamber, at Morton, into my studie their, about three quarters of a yearde above the upper steppe, or staire, and Margrett Lambert is onely privie thereto, who helped me to lay it their. Ryc. Belassis.

Item their is likewise at Morton, being my owne goods, the some of 100*l.*, in currante monie, shillings and teastrones, and likewise one other 100*l.*, in currante coyne of goulde, both which somes ar, at this instant, remayninge and put underfote, under the boordes, betwixt two jestes and the seallinge, of the chamber, or romthe, under that place, and this is in the chamber, next to the woll house their, under the edge of the bords of the highest steppe, towardes the northe wyndowe, but is hard under the first steppinge upp towardes that windowe, and Mr. Blackwood's studie boorde standethe above in that place, and Margrett Lambert was once tyme toulde of this money, viz., 200*l.* Ryc. Belassis.

Item their is also at Morton, being my owne goods, in currant monie, shillings and testrones, the some of 200*l.*, and is put edgewaies into a woodden box, beinge, at this present,

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walled up, in a hollowe place, within the wall of the newe great chamber, at Morton, called Sir William's chamber, aboute one yearde above the floore, on the south gavell end, betwixt the sougthe windowe, and the west syde, or corner, and Margret Lambert is onely privie, who helped to lay it there, viz., 200*l.* Ryc. Belassis.

[Item their is more at Morton, in the bottom of an ould litel barrell, in the store house, where wyne and moche beere standethe, in curant monye, of mine, in shillings and testrones, the some of 100*l.*, and Margrett Lambert is onely privie thereto, viz., 100*l.* Ryc. Belassis.]*

Item their is at Morton, all in shillinges and testrons, my owne goods, in currant monie, the some of 100*l.*, the which is, at this instant, laide within the bottom of the table chair, in my bedchamber their, which standeth before the bedside, and hath ever some bookes and papers and howr-glasses standing on it, and Margret Lambert is tould of it by me, viz., 100*l.* Ryc. Belassis.

[Item their is moreover at Morton, of my owne goods, all in shillings, and testrones, currant monie, the some of one hundreth and threescore pounds; the 100*l.* is in a woodden box, on the grounde, under the presser, within my studie their, on the west end, and the 60*l.* is in a bagge, yt lieth upon the midle floore of the said presser, in the west end, behinde two bookes, viz., 160*l.*]†

Item their is more at Morton, my owne goodes, being all in oulde goulde, of severall coynes currant, the some of 64*l.*, and the which goulde is putt within a bagge, thrust into an old lether shoe, and lieth upon the upper floore of the said presser, in my studye, where the glasses standes, on the west end, behinde two bookes, viz., 64*l.* or thereabouts; and this is the gould named in my will given to my sister Hedworth. Ryc. Belassis.

Item their is moreover my owne goods, at Jarrowe, in shillinges and testronnes, currant monie, laide up their, within my great iron cheste, to my use, the somes of 100*l.*, in my studye their, and William Blitheman and William Thursbie ar onely privie thereto, who had the laieng up of it their, by my appointment, but I did never since peruse, or see, the said monie myself, at the writing heirof, but onely by their words to me, viz., 100*l.*

Item their is now in William Blitheman's handes, of myne,

* The clause within brackets is erased; and below is written in the testator's hand, "This rasure was done onely by me, and this money by me removed and otherwise disbursed."

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100*l.* currant monie, which I did lend unto him, and doth yet spare it, for the easing of him, in his occupieing of Jarro, and thinges, he paieth rentes for their to me, but it is alwies to be annswered agayne, upon callinge for, viz., 100*l.* Ryc. Belassis.

Item Mr. William Blaxton, of Blaxton, is owing unto me, to be paied againe, at Whitsondaie, 1597, and for which I have his bond, 36*l.* in currant mony. R. B.

[6 December, 1596. In a bagge, in the barrell, in the storehouse, being all in goulde. . . . Item more their in the same barrell, in another bagge, being all in monye. . . . Item their is in my deske about 100*l.* in goulde. Item their is behinde a sparre, in the staire, goeinge into the studie in gould. . . .]*

Memorandum, this putting out of these aforesaid, and raisings, is done by myself, and according to my onely meaninge, this xxviijth of July, 1598. Ryc. Belassis.

[Item in the presser, within the glasses, 150*l.*, taken out by me. Item in a box, under the presser. . . . Item in the great chest, in my chamber, 100*l.* Item their is more in the great chest, at Jarro, in ready moneye, which was a parte of Jarro rents, dew at Martinmas, 1597. . . .]*

Item their is likewise laid up, in that chest, at Jarro, which is the childes Richard Hevisides monie, and paied by William Blitheman, at Martinmas, 1597, and which monie he had remaining in his hand a time, 129*l.* 13s. 4d.

[Item their is now within the presser, in my studie, at Morton, where the glasses do stande, in shillinges and testrones, currant monie, and my owne goods, in two lether bagges, 160*l.* Item their is also at this present, lieng in my studie, at Morton, in shillinges and testrones, currant monie. . . .]†

Item their is also more this present xxijth of February, 1598, the same is now lieng within the presser, in my studie, at Morton, where all the gilt glass do stand, the same being my owne monie and goods, and being all in shillings and testronnes, currant monie of England, and conteyned in eight severall lether bagges, in everie of which is just 50*l.*, viz., 400*l.* Ryc. Belassis.

* The clauses within brackets are erased.

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